



It's not paint by numbers

Lynette Flott lets her creative artistic side out as she works on a painting of hers in Arts and Sciences Hall.

— Dave Weaver

Food Service rates excellent, no bugs

By RICHARD L. CUMMINGS
Senior Reporter

Go ahead, eat on campus. It's safe. Helen Martin, Food Service manager, said UNO's food service is a clean, well-run operation.

"We received a 96 out of 100 over the whole operation from the State Health Department," she said. She said an average rating is about 85.

"The state used our kitchen as a site training for new health inspectors," she said. "In six years, we have always received outstanding ratings."

In the Oct. 7 issue of the Creighton University paper, The Creightonian, an article appeared about maggots found in a crack of a food service counter at that campus.

"No, we don't have problems like that," Martin said.

She said most faculty and students feel good about the services offered by Food Service. About 3,500 to 4,000 meals are served at UNO each day of the school year, she said.

Most Food Service employees are full time, and turnover is low, she said. This fact, she said, is helpful in keeping the level of service and product quality high.

"I can say without reservation that these people (Food Service employees) are dedicated," she said. Martin said she attributes good health inspections to hard work and a dedication by employees and management to keeping the facilities clean.

"Supplies are coming and going all the time. Anything could come in on a box of supplies," she said. Food Service people must keep a constant watch for potential problems, she said.

"Sanitation has to be a priority in food service," she said. "We have general cleanups periodically."

"We also invite the Health Department in to do a sanitation program,"

she said. The program is to teach employees about good work and personal sanitation practices.

"People eat with their eyes," she said. It can happen to any operation, she said about the maggot mishap at Creighton. "We just have to stay on top of cleanliness at all times," Martin said she believes one isolated incident such as occurred at Creighton could cause patronage to decline for years.

She said Food Service not only operates four dining rooms and a sweet shop, but also caters functions for UNO organizational meetings on campus. As well, they feed athletic teams, the band and visiting groups such as high school bands that may be on campus for an area competition.

"We get called on as much as Campus Security," she said. All food supplied on campus comes from Food Service or must meet the approval of the department, she said.

Their goal, she said, is to provide a pleasant atmosphere and good food to their customers.

"I think we're pretty fortunate to have the support of the campus," she said.

"We did a survey of off-campus food service, and we wanted to stay under them in price," she said. "The area (Food Service) is an extremely expensive area to operate."

It is hard to justify price increases, she said, in any food service operation. UNO Food Service is shooting to break even.

Food Service offers breakfast, lunch and dinner. Martin said the breakfast menu is building each year, but is limited by time limitations.

"We only have an hour to prepare for breakfast," she said. The menu is limited to items that can be prepared quickly.

"We welcome any comments or suggestions," she said. Knowing what customers want is necessary, she said, to keeping menus full of items people like.

Students to meet "real world"

Corporate World Day brings businesses to UNO

By JEFF STOUFFER
Contributing Writer

Making the transition from college to the "real world" can be a frightening thing. A program to be held Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the Student Center hopes to ease those worries.

The eighth annual "From the Academic to the Corporate World (FACW) Day" brings employees of varied corporation positions to UNO classrooms to speak to the students about topics oriented to their class. This year, six major Omaha corporations are participating. Speakers from Mutual of Omaha, IBM, US West, First Data Resources, Union Pacific and Commercial Federal will make presentations throughout the day. Past FACW days have included speakers from Northwestern Bell, Xerox and InterNorth.

"The purpose of FACW Day is to bring the students and people who are in the working world together," said Mary Ryan, graduate assistant in Career Placement and coordinator of the event. "FACW Day provides a chance for students to exchange information with people working in corporations about what the working world is like."

The event is sponsored by UNO's Career Placement Services, US West and Mutual of Omaha.

This year's event will be different from past FACW Days

in that there will be an informal session where students can talk to speakers on a personal basis. All students and faculty are invited to attend this session. It will be from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Center, Dining Room A.

"In the past, speakers have addressed the class and that was it," Ryan said. "This year, we're starting an informal session where students who have additional questions or students who didn't have a speaker come to their class can meet with the corporate representatives."

FACW Day has traditionally been a popular event. It started in 1981 being a week-long episode with about 2,100 students involved. But that became too sloppy and disorganized, so it was switched to one day, according to Bob Gibson, director of Career Planning and Placement.

Last year 971 students and 37 speakers from 10 companies were involved with FACW Day. This year, a higher turnout is expected due to the informal session.

Students are encouraged to get involved this year. Some people who hold important positions will be heard from. Among them are an employment representative in a company personnel department, the vice president of insurance at Commercial Federal, an account marketing representative from IBM and a corporate fitness director for US West.

In case you're not interested in the corporate world,

speakers from other fields such as law enforcement or the city planning department will be brought in.

"Most of the topics concern a student's career development," Ryan said. "A public relations class might get a speaker who would address strictly the topic of public relations in the work world. Students can probably expect some time to ask questions and to have an opportunity to sit down and talk to someone who may be the vice president of a company."

FACW Day can be beneficial to students by giving them direction about where they want to go with their field of study, according to Ryan.

"Any student who plans to get a job should be interested," she said. "It will help put in focus why students may need a class they are taking. Students may think, 'Where is this going to get me?' People from the working world will probably help explain where it will get them and why they may need what they are learning now in obtaining a job in the future."

People who will relate most to FACW Day are juniors and seniors who may have already had some work experience and know the benefits of an event such as this.

"FACW Day provides interaction between the business and academic settings. It is important because the academic setting usually leads to the business setting."

COMMENT

Not just a game for the rich

Democracy demands the ambition to be heard

The congressional, senatorial and presidential elections are now just a little more than two weeks away. Some of you will vote, some won't bother. It's no secret that the percentage of Americans who don't exercise this most basic right is obscenely high.

There are plenty of excuses for not voting. Many believe the outcomes of the elections have already been determined. It's easy to understand why someone might feel that way. We've got Harris and Gallup, Rather and Brokaw, all telling us who is going to win. The polls have called the elections, it's all over but the celebrating. At least, that is what some would have us believe.

Some people won't show up at the voting booth because they don't see enough difference between the candidates to impel them to make a choice. The banal generalities, cheap one-liners and trivial press coverage have simply turned many people off to the entire process.

And then there's the argument that it just doesn't matter. Why vote if it makes no difference who is elected? This argument is my personal favorite. The I-don't-vote-

elected officials are not anxious to remind you. The special interest groups, the lobbyists, gain nothing by your "common person" meddling.

We often hear that the rich run our country, that they are the powerful, the movers and the shakers. If this is true, it is not the money that makes it so. If the rich are in charge, it's because we gave them that position. We

refuse to exercise it. Every one of us has something that is absolutely equal to that of every other American, regardless of wealth or position. We have our vote, and beyond that we have our numbers.

Don't let anyone tell you that you have to be rich or influential to be heard. It isn't true, I know it. You don't have to be wealthy to write a letter, make a phone call, sign a petition. You don't have to be rich to congregate with other like-minded individuals to speak as a united front.

But you do have to get up off your butt, stop your griping and moaning, and do something. Yes, it involves action on your part. Yes, you have to make an effort to learn what your representatives are doing, how they vote, what measures they support. If this is too much trouble, if your town, your state and your country are not worth that much of your attention, then frankly you deserve everything you get.

And then some.

Cherie King

Gateway Columnist

have abdicated our rightful place in the political system. If the result is a system we disdain, a system we hold in low esteem, we have only ourselves to blame.

When all is said, in the final analysis the people do have the power. But for some incomprehensible reason they

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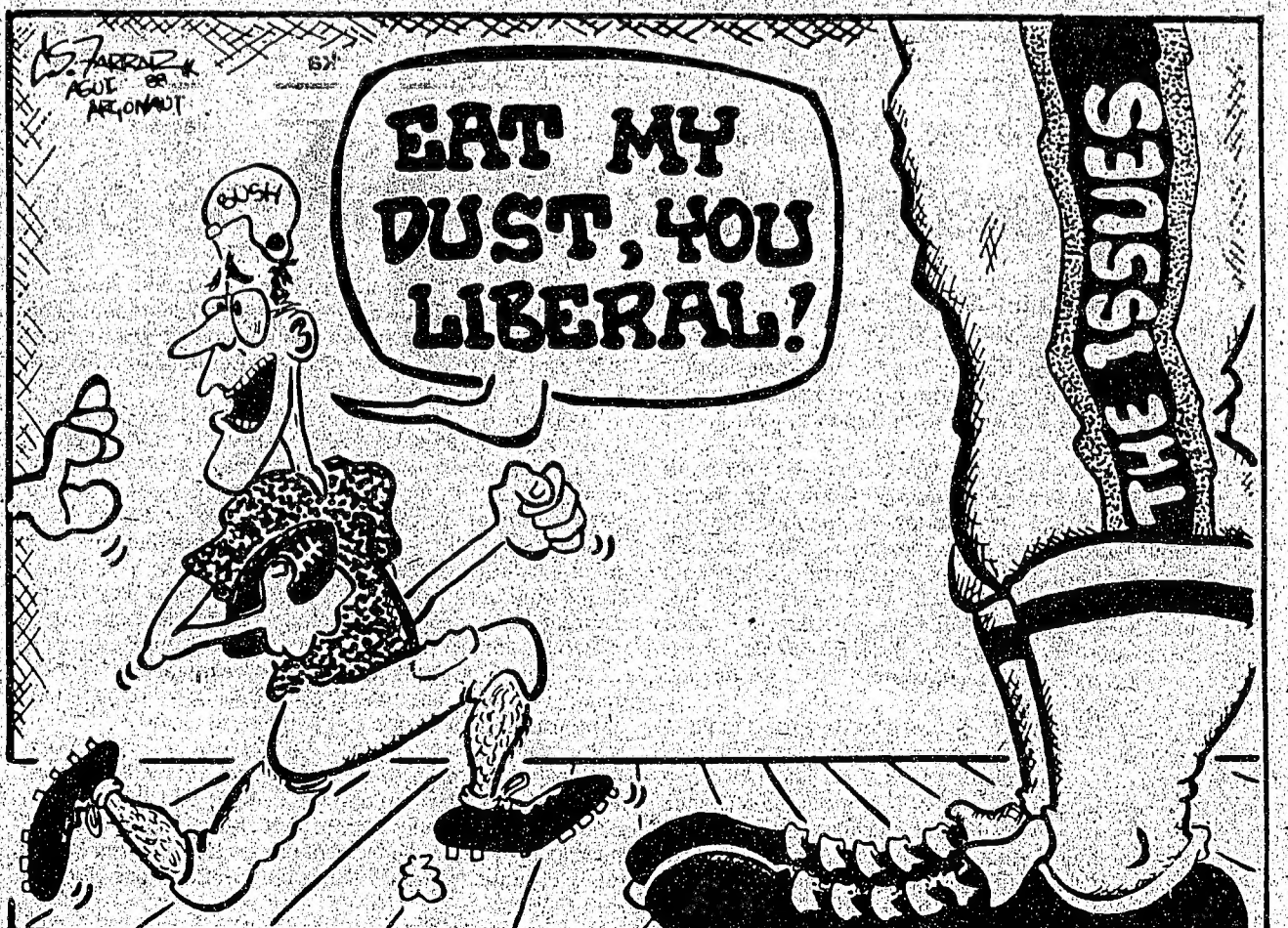
because-no-matter-who-is-elected-not-hing-ever-changes argument.

It's perfect. Like the perfect lie, this argument works so well because it contains a very real element of the truth. In a very crucial sense it doesn't matter who wins. If Bush beats Dukakis, if Kerrey beats Karnes or if Hoagland squeaks by Schenken, it doesn't matter because the election isn't the end, it's the beginning.

Many of you will cast your vote on Nov. 8. You should. No matter how meaningless you may feel your vote has become, you have an obligation not to willingly abrogate this most basic Constitutional right. But if you do vote, don't break your arm patting yourself on the back. It's the least you can do, really.

You see, when the election is over, whether your personal favorite came out on top is completely irrelevant. Whether Democrat or Republican, the guy in congress, in the senate or in the presidency works for you, for every one of you.

I don't mean that he always acts in your best interests, that definitely is not necessarily so. I mean he works for you, he is your employee. You pay his salary, you hold his job in your hands. This is an easy fact to forget. Your



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OPINION

Like the Okie in Muskogee

Most find debate experience less than memorable

What do you remember about the vice-presidential debate? Do you remember when it was held? Oh, sure, you remember that it was Quayle and Bentsen, but do you remember *anything* about the debate?

I remember that it was very expensive, that a lot of people donated a lot of money to make Omaha look nice. We had to make a good impression, the world was watching us, supposedly. I remember how important it was to cater to the incoming reporters. I remember how worried everyone was about the possibility of the homeless making us look bad. I remember the banners and the boat on the moat and the TV spots and the Scorpions getting bought out and the little flags on the Happy Cabs' antennas and Calinger and . . .

I remember one line. "Sir, you are not Jack Kennedy." (And that's probably misquoted, but you know what line

It's kind of like the day after Christmas. There's nothing to do but wait for the bills to come in and pick up the banners and tinsel.

I'm talking about.) It's probably the only line you can remember right off the top of your head, too.

Now tell me, do you think any of those visiting journalists and politicians remember anything about us Omahans? About Omaha? Do you think they even remember where the debate was held? Do you think the amount of money spent putting on the show was well spent?

For what it's worth . . .

I had to go to Muskogee, Okla., a couple weeks ago on a

business trip. It was a simple trip, all I had to do was sit through a meeting and take some pictures, do some interviews, etc. A simple trip.

But the travelling was a drag, it got tiring, getting off one flight, onto another, running to terminals, checking out rent-a-cars, getting around in a strange city. By the time I got down there, I just wanted to get the story and the pics and get back home.

And no, Muskogee didn't roll out the red carpet for me, and I didn't walk away with any notion of what the city was. Except for one thing:

I had about an hour before the meeting was to start that beautifully crisp Muskogee morning, and I wanted to at least leave the city knowing that I saw it. So I was driving around in my shiny, white, 1988 Tercel rent-a-car, and I pulled up to an old Muskogean in overalls and John Deere cap and I said, with passenger window rolled down, leaning over the seat, "Say, I'm from out of town. What's there to see in Muskogee?"

He looked at me with a straight face and said, "Not much," and walked away.

And that about summed up Muskogee for me. Because I really didn't care about the city, I just wanted to get the story and hop the flight back home.

Home.

And on that flight home, it dawned on me, as much as

I wanted to get home, how much did those visiting journalists want to get the debate over with and get the hell home? How many visiting politicians wanted to get the speeches and the spinning over with and get back to their lives?

They are, right now, sitting in offices somewhere working on another assignment or out in the field. They don't remember anything about Omaha.

And yeah, the world watched us. On television they saw some nice shots of the beautiful Omaha skyline. (and if they were watching the NBC nightly news, they saw some

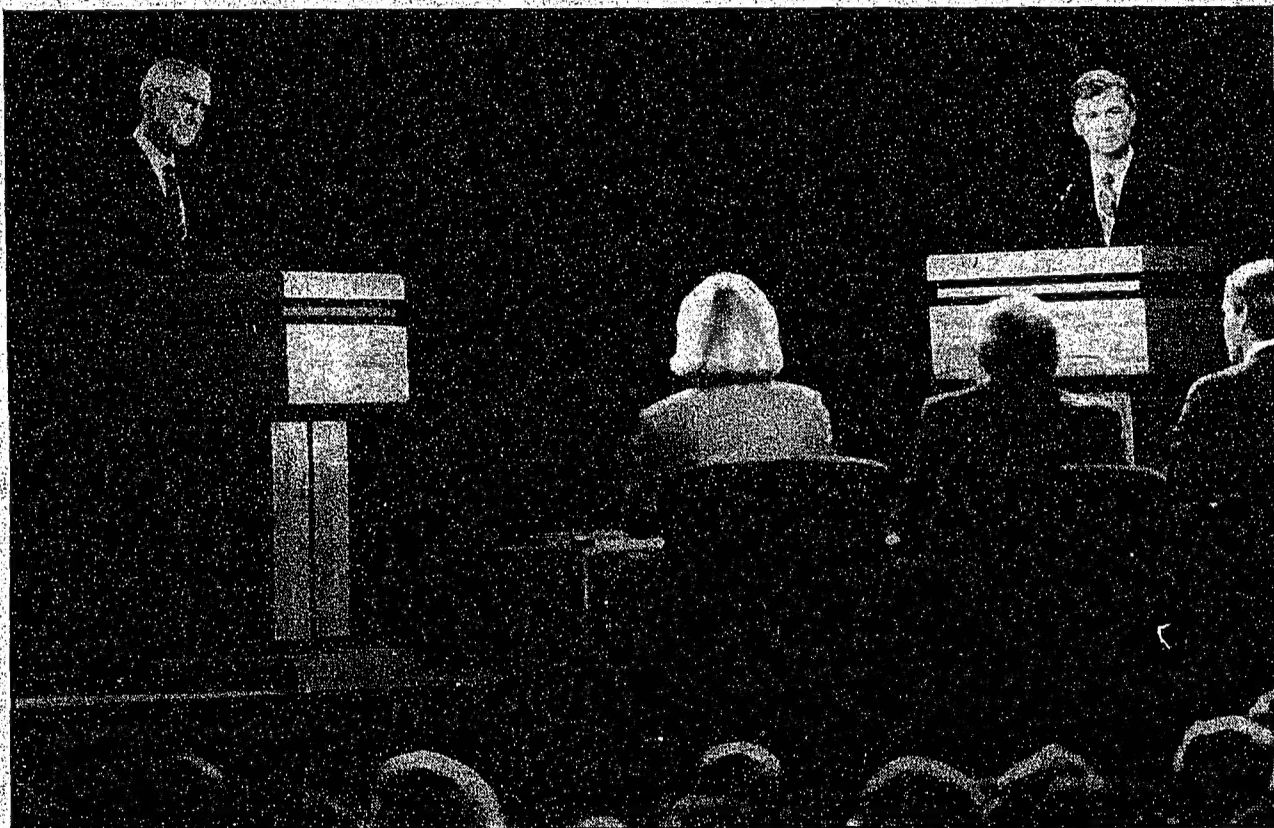
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Gateway Columnist

crappy shots of the Civic Auditorium, which we all know is an architectural wonder). Do you think they were impressed?

It's been a little more than two weeks and most of the people I talk to, people who live here, in Omaha, have forgotten about the whole affair.

It's kind of like the day after Christmas. There's nothing to do but wait for the bills to come in and pick up the banners and tinsel.



Will anyone remember Omaha?

— Dave Weaver

MAILBAG

Kaldahl 'humorless'

To the editor:

As a UNO student, I am not only ashamed and embarrassed by Tim Kaldahl's flaunting his ignorance and disrespect of science publicly, but outraged by his humorless, oafish stabs at "The Mars Show" and fellow UNO students. Otis 12, he isn't.

I saw "The Mars Show" at the UNO Planetarium along with about 100 others who, judging from the applause and comments afterwards, thoroughly enjoyed it. I personally thought it was one of the most interesting evenings I have ever spent. It is very well written and produced so that even grade school children can understand it. Unfortunately, even this level seems too advanced for Mr. Kaldahl's intellect.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Tisthammer
UNO Student

VIEWFINDER

Opinions solicited by A.A. Sarka

Q:

"How important is learning about world cultures?"



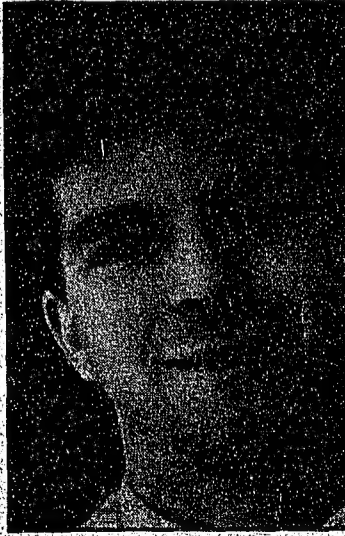
Kevin Griger, senior
Criminal Justice

"Very important. As technology increases, the world gets smaller. Other cultures can no longer be ignored."



Lori Labenz, junior
Communications

"When you go into other countries, you should be open-minded and accept their cultures."



Jerry Cornett, senior
Political Science

"Whatever you're going to do in your career, you're going to come into contact with people from around the world. Especially because of the international economy."



Richard Stacy,
Assistant Professor
HPER

"We live in an international society with travel and communication available to everyone. We have so many cultures in our own country; it's a melting pot. All this affects our daily lives."



Kristina Sarka, freshman
Art

"It's nice to know other people's culture and how they live. One should respect people's different life-styles."

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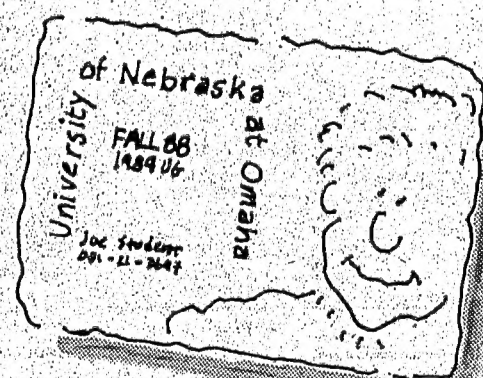
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COLLEGE CLIPS

Some feel taken advantage of . . .

Students say North's talks don't come cheap

(CPS) — Lt. Col. Oliver North spent much of a recent speaking visit to Raleigh, N.C., listening to North Carolina State University students chant "Ollie Out Of Raleigh," but even though North is in the midst of a lucrative nationwide lecture tour, the embattled Marine probably won't be coming near enough to college campuses to hear many similar taunts this fall, his agent reports.

It's not that North is afraid to tempt protesters or that campuses are afraid to hire North to speak. It's just that colleges and universities can't afford North's steep lecture fee.

"I've had at least 15 colleges inquire about Oliver North," said Bernie Swain of the Washington Speakers Bureau, which books North's lectures. "They just can't afford him."

The only school North is scheduled to appear at this fall is Boston College, Swain said, although he's ironing out plans to book North at "four or five other colleges."

Jeb Spencer, Boston College's lecture series coordinator, said BC's student government will pay \$25,000 for North's lecture.

North, of course, was a key figure in the Iran-contra scandal, charged with violating U.S. laws prohibiting trade with Iran and buying arms for Nicaraguan rebels, known as contras.

As a functionary in the National Security Council, North, who still awaits trial, allegedly sold arms to Iran in return for a promise — never fulfilled — to help free American hostages in Lebanon. North then allegedly used some of the profits from the sale to aid the contras. Prosecutors also charged North with destroying evidence when investigators tried to probe the alleged scheme.

To some, North became a symbol of someone who placed himself above the law to make war as he — not the nation's elected lawmakers — decided. To others, he became a hero standing up for what he believed to be right.

To all, he became a magnet for controversy and, now, a hit on the lecture circuit.

Colleges, Swain said, are perhaps the best public forums for North, although Swain says he has received about 90 inquiries about North speaking engagements in recent months.

"Colleges are much more willing to book someone involved in controversy than a corporation or a trade association," Swain explained. "It's just that his fee is high."

Some schools, in fact, want North precisely because he does evoke passions.

Boston College, Spencer said, "is an apathetic school, and we're hoping to get rid of that apathy by bringing North to campus. It's worth paying the extra money to get rid of the apathy that's been on this campus for years."

Nevertheless, Spencer doesn't "anticipate any problems with protesters. I talked to 'Food Not Bombs' (a Boston peace group) and they said they'll be out to protest in force. That's fine, that's their right. But I don't know of any student groups that are planning any protests."

In contrast, some people at Arizona State University — often portrayed as a conservative campus — seem much quicker to protest.

ASU's Faculty Women's Association recently criticized the university's Business College Council for allowing a local radio station to use the campus for a Jessica Hahn promotion.

"The unfortunate highlighting of Ms. Hahn shows in-

sensitivity to women and men at Arizona State University who consider themselves serious scholars," the women's association said in a memo to the business council.

Hahn, whose sexual liaison with television evangelist Jim Bakker ultimately forced Bakker to resign from his PTL ministry, has posed unclothed twice for Playboy magazine and is now a disc jockey for Arizona radio station KOY-FM.

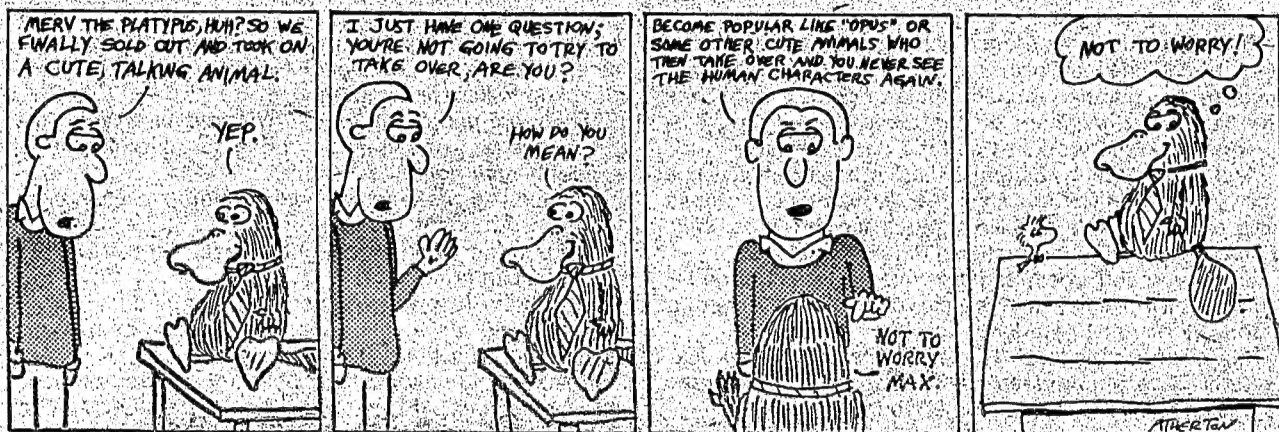
The women's association complained that Hahn's appearance on campus "perpetuates the unacceptable stereotype of women as sexual objects."

Richard Huxtable, president of the business college, said he "probably used bad judgment" when he agreed to Hahn's campus appearance. KOY-FM, Huxtable said, was hired to play music and attract students to a business college recruiting event in early September. The station was hired weeks before Hahn joined its staff.

"They (KOY-FM officials) know that they purposely took the entire program over. They were there to play a little music. This was not a Jessica Hahn promotion," Huxtable said.

"Students were taken advantage of," said ASU student president John Fees. "We need to be careful."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Human Rights Now!

Amnesty tour combines rock, activism

By MICHAEL O'KEEFE
College Press Service

Tim Carrier, a University of Massachusetts student and a big fan of U2, made it a point to catch the band on a 1986 MTV telecast.

It turned out the group's performance was part of Amnesty International's "Conspiracy of Hope" tour, designed to introduce the human rights group to students just like Carrier.

And it worked. In what had to be one of the most successful mass political recruiting efforts in recent campus history, Carrier, like 30,000 other people, joined the organization, eventually founding a UMass chapter.

Nationwide, the 250 campus and high school Amnesty chapters grew to "more than 1,000," reported Peter Larson of the group's membership office.

"I don't even equate Amnesty with music anymore," Carrier, who is taking this term off to work as an intern with Amnesty International (AI), said. "Now all I equate it with is human rights."

Of course the main purpose of the group, whose efforts won the 1978 Nobel Prize, is to lobby governments worldwide to get them to respect human rights. It publicizes the cases of "prisoners of conscience" — or political prisoners — and works to end the death penalty.

And while a healthy handful of U.S. students always has been involved with the issue, few "nonpartisan" groups have ever been able to build campus support in as short a time as Amnesty International did in 1986.

And this month, despite having had a terrible time integrating all those new members two years ago, the group is actively recruiting students again.

This time it's called the "Human Rights Now!" tour, and features Bruce Springsteen, Tracy Chapman, Sting, Peter Gabriel and Senegal's Youssou N'Dour.

"It's important to see the concerts — and our efforts to organize students — as one of the ways we're building a base of support for human rights," said Ellen Cull of Amnesty's Northeast office.

Building it that fast, however, can cause problems for a group. Integrating such vast numbers of new members "strained our resources," confessed Jack Rendler, who helps coordinate AI's campus chapters, and, inevitably, brought in a lot of people who were fans of music, not human rights.

"I know Sting sings about it or something," one Indiana University student said when asked why she was attending a campus AI meeting.

That attitude, Amnesty officials say, was the source of their problems after the 1986 tour.

"The 'Conspiracy' tour," recalled Allen Hailey, a University of Oklahoma junior, "got more people involved, but some weren't getting the message," noting some saw

it as this week's cause.

Added Loala Hironaka, whose University of California at Berkeley chapter grew from 200 to 500 members after the "Conspiracy" concerts: "What happened in 1986 is that you have a lot of people join up, but you don't have time to form them."

It was hard, Hironaka said, to educate the new members about Amnesty's strictly nonpartisan, independent stance.

"Amnesty is supposed to be nonpartisan, but students are sometimes used in partisan ways," she said. "You'd like to have . . . the students understand Amnesty's mandate."

Steve Kotkin, also of the Berkeley chapter, called it "a question of philosophy."

"Some are for a smaller, tight-knit group where all the members are informed and involved. Others want a broader organization. I'm partial to greater numbers myself. We can always educate people after they join up."

Kotkin's in the majority.

Unlike some other activist groups, Amnesty seems to believe that "the more the merrier," observed Roger Williams, a reporter for Foundation News, which covers charitable and volunteer organizations.

"The more people involved," Williams explained, "the greater the pressure they can bring to governments to respect human rights."

Recruiting all those warm bodies, moreover, has been "good for Amnesty," he said.

UMass student Carrier thought it's been especially good for the human rights issue.

"Most who follow the cause," he contended, "don't do it because it's a rock star thing. Those people get washed out after the concerts are over."

Amnesty International USA Executive Director Jack Healey concedes AI has always had a modest attrition rate among its members, but that the huge volume of new members after the 1986 tour gave Amnesty a new edge: "Now there's depth."

So the group is out recruiting again. This time — it also mounted lower-key concerts in the late seventies and early eighties — there are only U.S. three stops — Philadelphia, Los Angeles and Oakland — for the "Human Rights Now!" tour that will touch down in India, Europe, Japan, Africa, Latin America and perhaps even the Soviet Union before ending.

But at the same time, AI has designated the second week in October a U.S. campus activities week, complete with lectures and concerts to raise awareness of the issue.

"We'll have an Oklahoma Human Rights Now! concert with local bands," OU's Hailey promised.

While Rendler doesn't expect the new tour to generate as many new American members as the 1986 effort, Hailey reported it has already helped triple attendance —



Tracy Chapman

to 35 people — at the OU's chapter's fall meeting.

About 40 students were inspired enough by news of the concerts to attend an Amnesty organization meeting at Indiana University in September.

Reporter Williams thinks another key to AI's success is that, once the students get to their local campus meeting, they get to choose from a cafeteria assortment of ways to end torture around the world.

"Some people can fly to Southeast Asia to inspect prisons if they like," he said. "Others only need to commit themselves to writing a letter once a month."

Even if students don't stick with Amnesty, Hironaka points out, they become "more conscious of serious things."

"Young people need to realize the power they can have over the future and over their own destiny," Peter Gabriel told the Washington Post. "If you follow the line of the cynics on compassion fatigue, you end up with a world that doesn't care, that feels impotent, that is unable to voice its feelings or to have any influence over its own life, and that's very self-destructive."



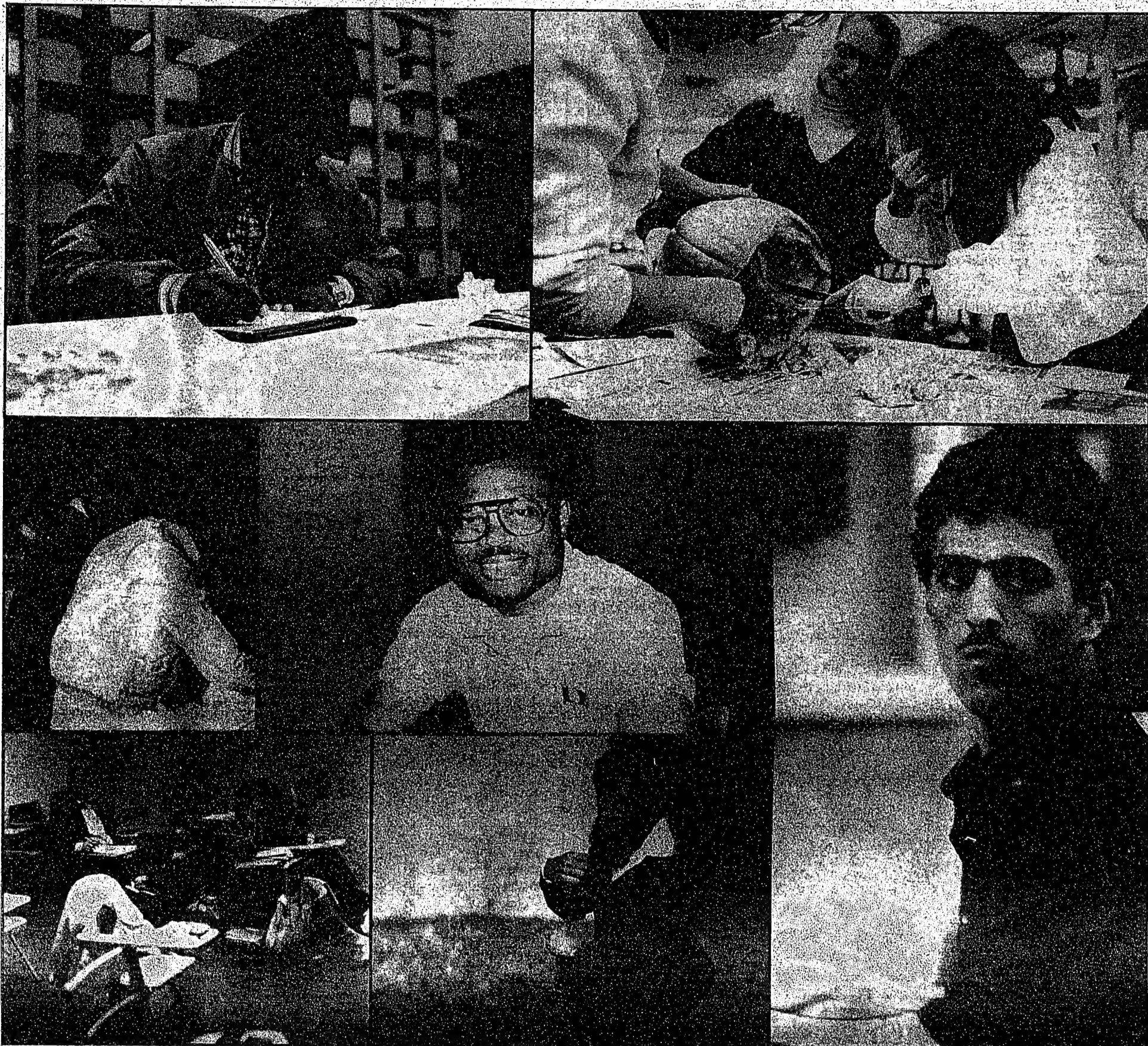
Bruce Springsteen



Rock stars Sting, left, and Peter Gabriel highlight the 1988 Amnesty tour.

Gateway Close-Up:

UNO and the International Connection



—Dave Weaver

International Studies: UNO's unique hybrid

UNO's International Studies and Programs is one of the fastest growing departments on campus. Encompassing 120 majors, it has offered opportunities for those from the Midwest to find out more about the world.

But according to Merry Ellen Turner, director of International Studies; and Anne Ludwig, academic coordinator of UNO's Intensive Language program, the department has done much to open up the world to America.

So far, the department has sheltered refugees, set up schools in war zones of Afghanistan and Pakistan, received students from several nations and instructed them in English.

It started back in 1973, when a graduate student in geology named Chris Jung decided to initiate some type of Afghan study program in the United States.

Although he had tried to get the interest of major universities on the East Coast, Turner said that none of them were interested.

The director said Jung had family in the Midwest and took the idea to then Chancellor Ronald Roskens.

"At the time, Ronald Roskens was quite interested at the idea of having institutional linkages with sister universities," Turner said.

This started the Afghan Studies Association, which later linked UNO with Afghanistan's Kabul University in a sister university relationship. This, according to Turner, was the foundation of the International Studies program.

Soon after the program was started, Jung died of a rare blood disease. His place was filled by Richard Lane, as-

sociate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Lane died soon after he filled the position.

"I guess both were real young guys, too," Turner said. In the beginning of 1974, Thomas Gouttierre took control of the Afghanistan Studies Association. Gouttierre had previously spent 12 years in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

"He has been a real driving force both on campus and in the community," Ludwig said.

"Sometimes I'll be talking to a group in the community and tell them that I work for the International Studies program, and they'll say, 'Oh, you work with Tom Gouttierre,'" she said.

"They associate his name with the program," the coordinator said.

Three years after his arrival, UNO added its Intensive Language Program (ILUNO) to help Afghan students learn English. Ludwig, who came to this campus in 1977, said the ILUNO program actually turned out better than most expected.

"It acted as a catalyst in bringing in a separate group of students," she said.

As a result of these programs and other global studies interests, the campus was able to secure a grant to start the International Studies program in 1979 with Gouttierre as director.

"Tom was determined to get this program," Turner said. "He just made the decision to internationalize the campus in every positive way."

During the past decade, UNO has added on to its programs with sister universities in seven countries and a global education department.

"International Studies is sort of a hybrid department," Ludwig said. "There is a lot of cooperation with other departments."

She said one of the more active groups is the fine arts department. The program helped sponsor the UNO Jazz Band on its 1985 tour of Japan and the Philippines and the Chamber Choir on its tour of central and eastern Europe in 1988.

There have also been changes in certain aspects of the program. After the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan, the center received a grant from the United States Agency of International Development to help the resistance inside Afghanistan and in Pakistan.

According to Turner, the center presently has 45 members in Pakistan, which have set up 1,500 schools and trained people to go into Afghanistan to educate those in the country.

The campus and International Studies have also attempted to bring in students from abroad. Turner said although they are only one percent of the student population, there is potential for growth.

"One of the attractions of the Midwest is the high quality of life and the low cost of living," Ludwig said.

On the following pages, The Gateway has attempted to summarize the international programs at UNO. The staff has also compiled a several interviews with students from other countries.

Weber glad to be back after Asia tour

By JOHN ROOD
Editor

Del Weber is glad to be back. The UNO chancellor recently returned from a trip to Pakistan to visit UNO's education programs for the war-torn country of Afghanistan.

"Two weeks can be a long time," he said.

Weber last visited Pakistan in 1984, prior to UNO's education contract with Afghanistan. Since then, Weber said, things in Peshawar, a Pakistan city near the Afghan border, have changed.

"Peshawar was not a bustling, war-infected place," he said.

Currently, more than two million Afghan refugees call the city home. Eighty agencies from all over the world are located in Peshawar. Most of them are somehow connected with relief to Afghanistan.

"Now, Peshawar is bustling. All of the offices are located in what we would think of as homes," he said.

During a visit to Qatar, a city on the border, Weber met with leaders from the 58 different educational districts in Afghanistan. Each leader supervises from five to 10 schools.

Weber said members of a U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) evaluation team and the Afghan resistance complemented UNO for its efforts.

"This campus can really be proud of what it has accomplished," he said.

Abdul Shiakoor, leader of the resistance group, stood up to talk about his pride in the uniform curriculum UNO helped the resistance groups establish.

"We never went in to tell them what and how to teach," he said. "For example, their first priority was establish a course in Islamic values. We didn't interfere."

Weber credited Gouttierre, Associate Engineering Dean Harold Davis and deceased instructor Wayne Glidden with laying the foundation for UNO's success. Weber said a Pakistani general told the



Del Weber

evaluation team the entire education program would have failed without the UNO team's sensitivity.

Although the team hasn't yet released its report, Weber said he is confident the review of UNO will be favorable.

One of the decisions the AID team will make is where future U.S. efforts toward Afghan education will be placed. Currently, UNO is providing assistance with curricu-



lum in grades one through four. AID hopes to expand the program to secondary education and university level.

"Kabul University has to be re-taken," Weber said, because it is occupied by Soviet-placed students and scholars.

Youth who were 7 when the war started now are 17 and war heroes, but lack basic education, Weber said.

UNO has helped to develop basic literacy training for the Afghan resistance, Weber said. The literacy manuals are being used throughout the resistance, he said.

"When they're not fighting, they're studying," Weber said.

The literacy manuals have become increasingly more important because of the wide-scale mining the Soviets have con-

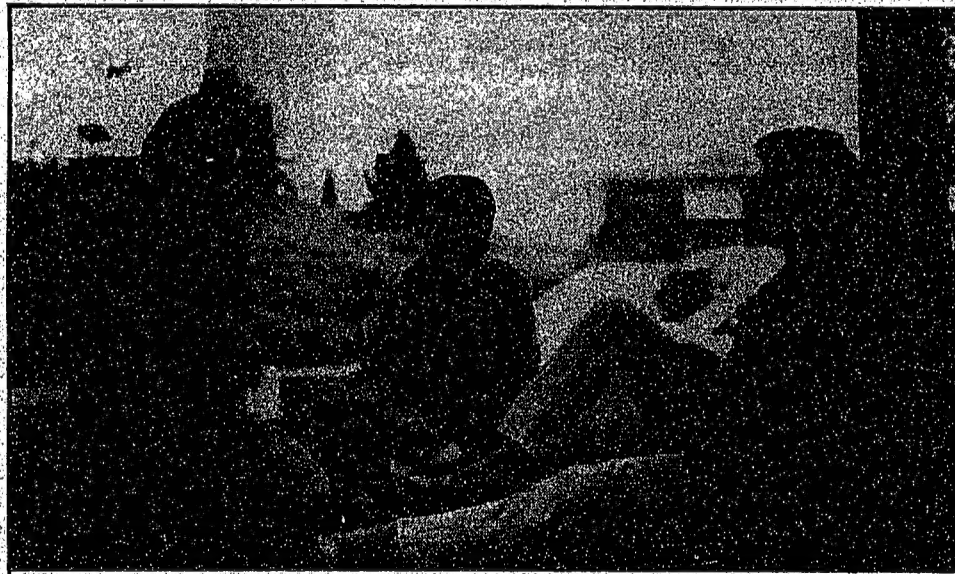
ducted, he said. Afghans need to pass on information about how to share information and resolve the danger, he said.

Somewhere between five and 20 million land mines are in Afghanistan, he said. The Afghans are unable to use metal detectors to find the mines because the land is littered with metal shrapnel.

Weber said he had hoped satellite infrared technology might be able to pinpoint the mines, but Afghans have already thought of an alternative . . . Sheep.

By sending herds of sheep over the mine fields, the Afghans could clear out most of the land mines.

"You'd blow up the sheep, but at least you'd still have the human beings," Weber said.



Steve Chase

Study Break

While taking a breather from studying in the library, UNO students (from left) Darren Cheek, Mannat Mousa and Waddah Abil talk outside the library.

Third World Conference boasts Soviet and Afghan speakers

By TOM FOSTER
Staff Reporter

This weekend, Third World countries and the topics associated with them will come alive at the 11th National Third World Studies Conference.

National presenters will gather at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center to discuss Third World issues like violence, terror and human rights, the world economy, and education and teaching.

Included as part of the conference this year will be 44 panel discussions in eight sessions, films and exhibits and a variety of special presentations and social events.

The conference keynote address will be given by John Wilkinson of the United States Agency of International Development (AID). The address is scheduled for today.

A session held on Saturday will feature Aleksander Kuznetsov, third secretary of the embassy of the U.S.S.R. in the United States. Kuznetsov will present a speech titled "Glasnost, Perestroika and the Third World."

Kuznetsov will take the place of Oleg M. Derkovskiy, counselor of the embassy, who was originally planned to present the speech.

The conference will also include four

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UNO gets help from above with satellite

By DAVID MANNING
Staff Reporter

What costs half a million dollars, is virtually unknown to the majority of UNO's students, and is kept in a windowless room in the Durham Science Center?

Hint: It is not a faculty member.

The answer is UNO's Remote Sensing Applications Laboratory, or RSAL, a part of the geography-geology department.

According to Manager Mark Lastrup, the equipment at the lab is capable of interpreting agricultural data provided by many sources, including the EROS Data Center near Sioux Falls, SD, and the French Space Agency.

The star of the show is the Pixar computer. Combining the talent of Steve Jobs, of Apple fame, and the "Star Wars" technology of George Lucas' Industrial Light and Magic company, Pixar is specifically set up to manipulate integer data, Lastrup said.

With software that we should be getting any day, Lastrup and RSAL will be able to use the Pixar to produce agriculturally beneficial images from numbers. Lastrup said UNO has been designated as a test site for new Pixar programs.

An important aid to the laboratory went into operation last month. The TDRSS, which is just a communications satellite, Lastrup said, was launched last month from

the space shuttle Discovery.

"TDRSS is just a communications satellite," he said. The Landsat Thematic Mapper, Lastrup indicated, can take a 34,225 square kilometer picture. This is about 250 megabytes, or the equivalent of almost 4000 Gateways, and the Landsat "can't store all of it," he said.

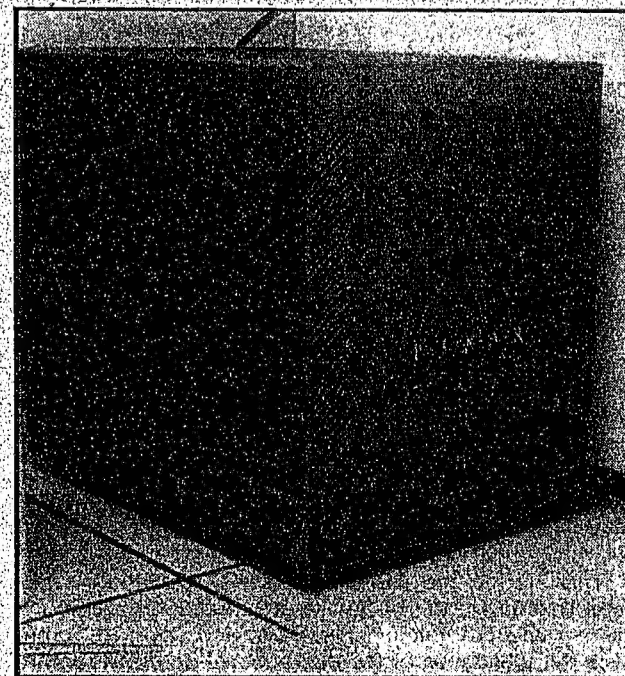
"What it does is beam it to TDRSS, which then shoots it down to a ground station," UNO gets a converted version of this information, Lastrup said.

With the information provided by the Landsat and relayed by the TDRSS, the Pixar can be used to create images, Lastrup said. UNO currently has a contract with United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for the mapping project.

Titled "The Multi-Temporal and Spatial Characteristics of Agriculture in the Helmand and Ghazni Provinces of Afghanistan 1977, '86, '87, '88," the RSAL will be using pre-war studies and comparing them with more current satellite-based studies.

"As I understand it, the United Nations is very much interested in expanding the study along with USAID," Lastrup said, and the U.N. may also give grants to UNO's Remote Sensing Application Lab.

Lastrup said in the future UNO's equipment could be used for many different mapping applications, including mapping, soils analysis, geology and forest and grassland studies. We could look at climatology or meteorology. Agriculture just got our foot in the door."



Not much bigger than a house-hold humidifier, the Pixar computer creates images of Afghanistan sent by satellite.

Sister universities connect campus with world

By LIZ WELLING
Staff Reporter

In an effort to add a foreign link to UNO, a program was established in 1979 connecting this campus to international institutions throughout the world.

Presently, seven countries make up this sister-campus relationship.

The countries Austria, China, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Japan, the Philippines and Romania each, with the exception of Germany, which has two, have one university that belongs to the program.

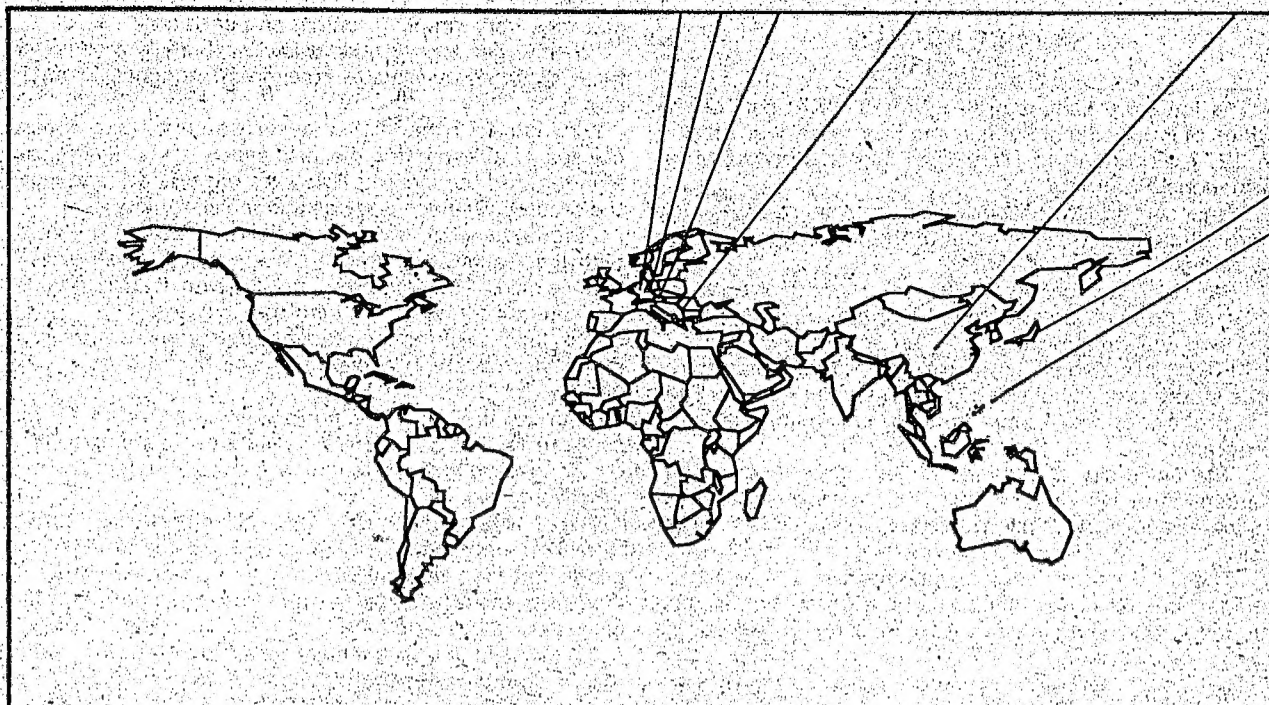
Each of these eight campuses had their own distinct beginning in the program, according to Merry Ellen Turner, director of International Programs.

The program was first established in 1979 with Shizuoka University in Japan, after Omaha was named its sister city in 1966.

"It was a logical beginning," Turner said. In the last nine years, she said the program with Japan has been responsible for more than 300 exchanges between the two campuses.

In 1983, three more universities were added to the program. The schools include South China Normal University, Guangzhou in China, Carol-Wilhemina Technical Univer-

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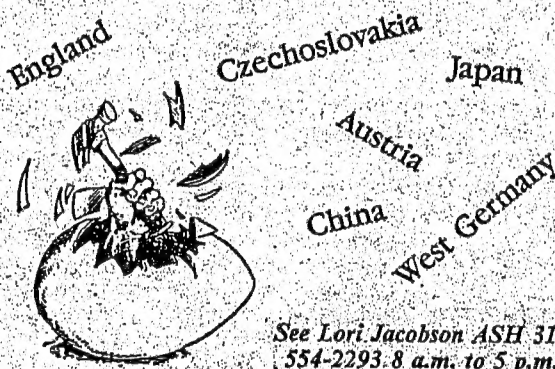
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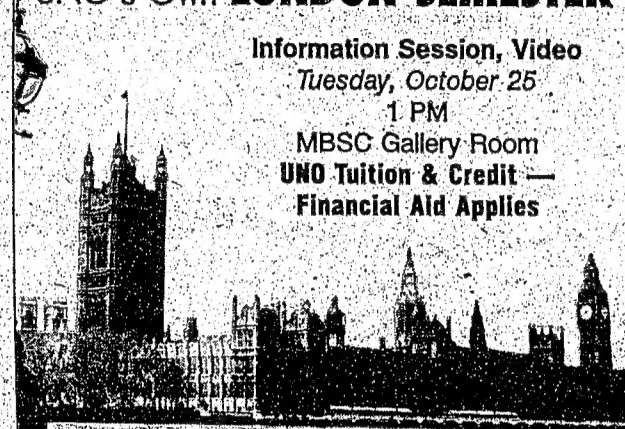


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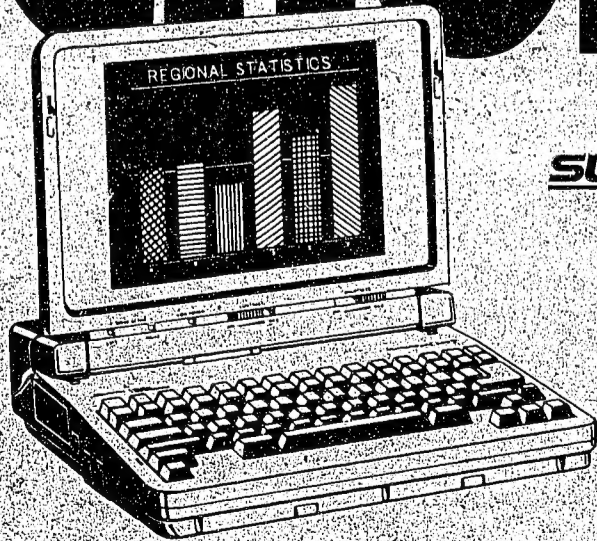
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ILUNO: teaching 'survival skills' in English

By MIKE MULLEN
Staff Reporter

The Intensive Language Program (ILUNO), part of the Office of International Studies and Programs, was started in 1977, according to Mary Ellen Turner, director of International Programs.

Turner said ILUNO teaches English as a second language to foreign students, with most of them planning to go on to school in the United States.

"But their English proficiency isn't good enough for them to do that, so they need to study English before entering academic programs," Turner said.

The director also said originally the program didn't provide students the English skills necessary to pass an English proficiency test before entering university academic programs.

"The university didn't have a very large international student enrollment at that time, and they were interested in increasing their foreign student enrollment," Turner said.

"They were effective in doing that but a little bit restricted because they didn't have a program to help the students who were unable to meet their English proficiency requirement," she said.

There is a broad range of people taking part in the program, Turner said. Some enroll to improve language skills without any intent of going on to school, and others use the program for professional reasons.

According to Anne Ludwig, academic coordinator of ILUNO, the program has different levels to accommodate the needs of the individual students, and usually takes four to six months before the students are ready to enter the university.

Ludwig said the lower levels focus on survival skills; the ability to hear something and write it on paper, basic vo-

cabulary, very simple grammar and speaking.

"If they get to the middle levels, there is a renewed focus in the ability to write, to express thoughts," Ludwig said.

Ludwig said in the higher levels, students take special classes to prepare for the proficiency tests, learn how standardized testing and timed testing operate and learn the study skills necessary at the university level.

"Students work with the university Learning Center with the Apple computers to study their English skills," Ludwig said. "We also provide them with access to audio laboratories to help them with their classes."

Lori Jacobson, foreign student advisor, assists the students in developing social skills and learning about the culture.

Some of the programs and activities provided for the students include host families (a place for students to stay on a long-term or short-term basis) and a "Friendship Partners" program.

The advisor said other aspects include volunteer tutors to help the students with all aspects of the English language and the "Nebraska Neighbors" program, which introduces the students to the rural and metropolitan cultures in the region.

"We would like to continue to reflect on the research that is going on in second language acquisition, so that we could give our students the best possible environment for English language acquisition; that means interaction with the community," Ludwig said.

Current enrollment figures show 105 students planning on studying at an American university. Nineteen countries are represented in the program with Afghanistan and Japan combining for a total of 76 students.

Turner said students are either self-supporting, sponsored, on scholarship or refugees who pay only one third the normal tuition fee.



— Courtesy the Falls City Journal

UNO's Intensive Language students receive first hand knowledge of the workings of small businesses and factories on a field trip to Falls City, Neb.

Global Education brings the world to Nebraska

Through his small office in Arts and Sciences Hall, Jay Harris and his staff attempt to bring the world to the Midwest.

Harris, who is the coordinator of Global Education, heads an office that services primary and secondary schools through a resource library; a biannual newsletter; training for teachers and arranging presentations in classrooms by foreign students.

"There are a lot of reasons we should be concerned with global education," the coordinator said.

"One of the things I like to say to groups is that there are over 550 businesses in Nebraska that are doing business internationally," he said. "Most people say 'Whoa, 550?'"

He said for this reason and for the increase in foreign businesses in the state is why some groups have been concerned with increasing international awareness.

"Then there's the pure and simple reason of having a knowledge of these things," he said. "There is a good feeling you have when you learn about other cultures."

Since the three years the global education has been in effect, Harris said the community has been serviced well from the information the center has provided.

"Our resource library, which provides information to schools on a free loan basis, is growing by leaps and bounds," he said.

Other services, such as arranging presentations by foreign students, have been in demand by local schools.

According to Harris, the most popular program is one introduced a few months ago called "Look at the World." He said this involves sending small groups of foreign and American students out to discuss various cultures.

"The interest and need from programs like 'Look at the World' alone can be multiplied by 100 percent," he said.

"The project is unique to the state of Nebraska, but it's not the only one in the nation," Harris said. "Nebraska actually is lagging behind in the rest of the nation."

"For example, you don't think of Arkansas as being a

national leader in international studies, but they have a fantastic international department," he said.

Harris said other state governments, such as New Jersey, have put several million dollars into their international programs. Most at UNO are funded by federal and private programs.

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sity, Braunschweig in Germany and the University of the City of Manila in the Philippines.

Ronald Roskens, president of the University system, brought up the idea of a program with China, Turner said.

"He had an interest in China and encouraged UNO and UNL to develop an institutional linkage with universities in China," she said.

Students from China have come over here to study, along with a number of UNO faculty members conducting research over there, but no UNO students have gone to China with the program, the director said.

Turner said a language barrier may be the reason for the lack of UNO students participating.

"There's an opportunity to go there, but you have to know Chinese to do well at the university," she said.

This might be alleviated with a newly established summer intensive language class, Turner said.

The Philippines were added because of a grant from the State Department. The grant, she said, was sponsored by the USIA (United States Information Agency), which has a program devoted to sister university relations.

Anthony Jung, chairperson for the department of for-

ign languages, was instrumental in developing a relationship with a campus in Germany, Turner said. A second school, the University of Hannover, was added to the program in 1985.

Three more universities, Wirtshausuniversitat Wien, in Vienna, Austria; Charles University, in Prague, Czechoslovakia; and Al. I. Cuza University, in Iasi, Romania, were included to UNO's sister campus program in 1987.

The school in Austria was initiated by Kurt Kraetschmer, a German professor who came to UNO from Austria to teach.

Czechoslovakia also came about with a grant from the USIA foundation.

A Fulbright scholarship allowed for the addition of Romania to the program. The Fulbright is a grant awarded to faculty members, which allows for educational exchanges.

Turner said the program is now looking at adding a university in Brazil and a French speaking campus, but the two won't be added for awhile.

"There's a lot of ground work needed to be done to get things going."

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special panel presentations which will be held today.

Along with the speaker from the Soviet Union, a forum presented by a group of Afghanistan people who are studying here at UNO will be one of the highlights of the conference, according to Anne Ludwig, conference secretary.

Two aspects of this year's conference will be new.

The Global Education Workshop and a conference journal will be presented for the first time, according to Ludwig. The workshop, which will take place on Saturday, will include sessions for both teachers and students.

Media Productions and Marketing, Inc., of Lincoln, Neb., will publish the International Journal of Third World Studies in conjunction with the conference. The first issue will appear in January of 1989.

For people not interested in any of the panels going on at the time, there will be continuous showings of films dealing with Third World countries.

The films, along with books for display, are coordinated by the UNO Library.

According to Thomas Tollman, Library chairperson, the Library became involved in the Third World Conference through interest shown by some of the Library employees.

Once the library showed interest, the people involved in the conference jumped at the chance to use us as a resource," Tollman said.

Tollman, who is also a Third World conference co-chairman this year, said the Library employees not only work with publishers to provide the films and displays, but they also help set up the film rooms and book exhibits.

"This year's conference should be another in a long string of good conferences," he said.

Ludwig agrees that the Library employees are an asset to the conference.

"The Library has always been involved. They are super supportive," she said.



— Yam Gablin/ UNICEF

One of the panels at this year's conference will deal with problems children face in the Third World. Pictured above are two boys (ages seven and 10 years old) who serve in Uganda's National Resistance Army.

ASIA

China: The journey of 'Timothy'

By A. A. Sarka
Contributing Writer

Zhang Wan-li, who would rather be called Timothy, came to the United States from the People's Republic of China after a long journey.

The 25-year-old UNO graduate student started junior college in China in 1978. He majored in English because he said it was the easiest subject for him.

His decision to come to the States resulted from his not passing the post graduate exam. In China, one rarely gets a chance to re-take the exam.

With the support of UNO graduate student Jeff Stebbins and his wife Beth, who at the time were teaching in China, Timothy made the first steps on his way to the United States.

He said he obtained his passport by giving gifts to at least 15 officials. Having a passport does not necessarily mean one can leave the country.

The next step was a Visa. Because Timothy was to support his own education, he was required to have an F-1 Visa. Luckily, Jeff Stebbins knew an official who granted his Visa.

Timothy left his farming community (which he said is too long of a name to even mention) and made his way to Hanzhou on a bumpy, nine-hour bus ride. He said his "stomach felt like it was going to be thrust out."

From Hanzhou, he traveled by train to Guanzhou. He said he had obtained the privilege of a sleeper car, which is normally reserved for the upper classes. Timothy said he knew the person who writes out tickets.

After three days in Hong Kong, Timothy said he boarded a plane to San Francisco where he had his first taste of American culture. He said he did not know which foods to eat first, all of them served in small containers. He said he felt the others on the plane were watching him and were going to make fun of him because he had never used a fork before and did not want to be thought of as dumb.

Timothy arrived in the United States Aug. 11. The lack of people in Omaha surprised the newcomer.

"In China, the buildings are very crowded," he said. "The edges are all worn out."

Before he came to the states, Timothy said he imagined it would be bright and that money was "easy come, easy go." Now he said his thoughts have changed.

He said he has found that the U.S. can be bright if one has enough money.

"Money is everything," he said. "Social Darwinism and the law of the jungle."

Although he described American society as cruel in money matters, he said Americans are more polite in public than the Chinese. In China, strangers do not greet each other.

For Timothy, China is considered "black." He says that the system binds the people.

"The people are handcuffed and are not motivated," Timothy said as he held out his hands together at the wrists.

He blamed their tolerance of the system on the influence of Confucianism and the fear of officials on the influence of feudalism. He said people in China are judged by status and not ability.

"Our culture is not our pride, but our burden," the student said.

Although Timothy has a Visa that will allow him to stay in the United States for two years, he said he was not accustomed to the life-style here.

"I don't have time to exercise," he said. "It is a luxury to me."

He said the first thing he wants to do when he gets back to China is to sleep for three days and nights. Timothy said he is not getting his usual amount of sleep, which is from eight to 10 hours a night.

But Timothy said exercise and sleep are not the only things he misses about China.

"I miss my friends and family the most," he said. "Always the people. Most Chinese would say that."

Timothy said he has experienced the American bar scene, where he likes "to learn 'down to earth' English expressions, even though they're mostly dirty."

Malaysia: Sacrifices for education

By JULIE GONDON
Staff Reporter

There are certain sacrifices involved in attending college in a different country. ZamZam Abdul Rahim, a foreign student from Malaysia, has never met her 2-year old brother, who was born since she started attending school at UNO.

Twenty-three-year-old Rahim has been at UNO for the last four-and-a-half years and will graduate in the spring. She is majoring in business management and is attending school on a scholarship from the Malaysian government.

"They found out UNO has a good business school, so they sent me here," she said.

Rahim, as well as the approximately 20,000 other Ma-

laysia students who came to the United States at the same time she did, must go back to their country after they finish school.

"We signed a contract that we must go back as soon as we graduate," she said. Rahim explained that Malaysia benefits from Malaysian students who study in other countries and then return.

"My country is a developing country, so they are trying to promote students to go overseas," she said. "It's an investment."

Even though she has traveled to many states, including Texas, California and Washington, she has found Omahans to be the nicest people she's met. As for California, she said it was a nice place to visit, but she wouldn't want to live there.

"The people are different," she said. "They are very much into athletics."

She is impressed with UNO's international program. "There is a place where international students can go, unlike Creighton, where they don't have the facilities."

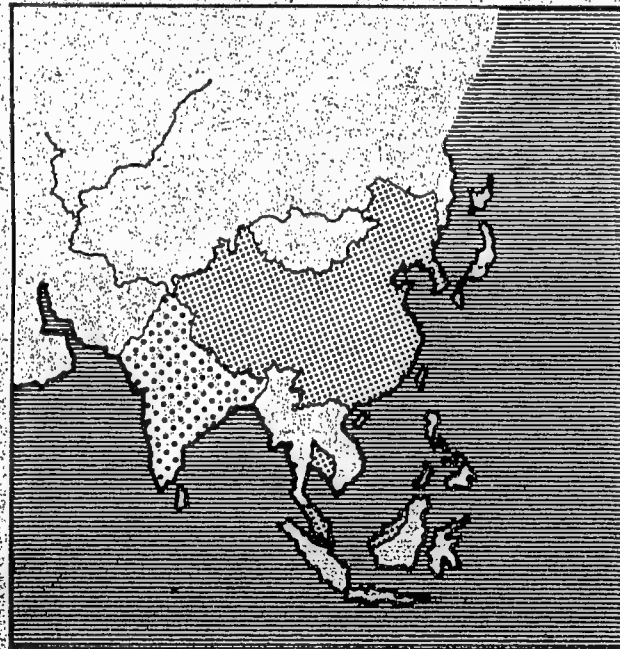
Rahim was not very surprised by American culture because she had seen several American movies and television shows, which are shown in Malaysia. One difference she noticed, though, was how polite Americans are.

"People say 'excuse me' here," she said. "I was impressed. I wish people in my country would say that."

Social life in America is very different from Malaysian social life, Rahim said the values and morals most Americans live by vary from what she was brought up with. She said it does not bother her that the American life-style is more lenient. "I respect other people's values."

Malaysia, a peninsula country located in Asia, is inhabited by native Malaysians, Chinese, Hindus, Australians and Americans, with the majority being native Malaysians. There are several different religions practiced in Malaysia, but according to Rahim, religion preference does not cause major conflict.

"We have different religions and we celebrate all the special days they have. We have many holidays," she said. "We really respect each other's religion."



India: Adjusting to individuality

By MARY DIRCKS
Contributing Writer

Raj Mylandia, a former UNO grad student, had to be a little creative when he applied for his passport two years ago.

"I made it up," he said, when he applied for his passport. "We don't use last names in India."

Mylandia is not his official surname. His full name is Nagraj, which means king cobra.

He said Mylandia Halli is the village Raj's family originated from. He dropped 'Halli' and chose Mylandia as his last name.

He came to Omaha in January of 1987. Before arriving in the U.S., Raj spent four months studying in Canada.

"I am really happy I came to this university. I feel at home here," Raj said. "I do not feel the racial problems like I did in Canada."

The student came to UNO to earn his master's degree in business administration.

"I feel I have learned more in the two years I've been here than I could have learned in India," Mylandia said.

According to Mylandia, the school systems in the two countries are quite similar. Next to the U.S., India has the largest number of foreign students.

"They find it's less expensive to do their undergraduate work in India and then come to the U.S. to complete their master's programs," he said.

Like the U.S., India is divided into states, but each territory has a different language. There are 22 states in all, but Raj said there's a total of 356 different spoken languages.

"English is the universal language," Mylandia said.

The other fluent language throughout India is Hindi, India's native language. Due to the language differences within the country, most Indians speak at least three basic

"In India there are many group activities. Here, everything is much more individual oriented."
—Raj Mylandia

languages: English, Hindi and the regional language.

Mylandia said the regional "mother tongue" is Telugu, but he speaks four other languages as well.

Because English is used throughout all of India, he said English-speaking visitors have virtually no language difficulties.

Even the road signs and bus boards are in English, he said.

In India, Mylandia said he didn't own a car, he rode a motorbike because they maneuver through crowds easier.

"Automobiles just aren't very practical. Motor bikes are much faster," he said.

Mylandia said he just learned to drive an

automobile last month and has recently bought his first car. Last week he drove all the way to Colorado and back by himself, and he really enjoyed the trip, he said. "Now I am getting more accustomed to being on my own."

One of the biggest cultural adjustments the graduate student said he has had to face in America is being alone so much of the time.

In India there are many group activities, he said, "here everything is much more individual-orientated."

Back home, Mylandia has a group of about 15 friends. "We did almost everything together and attended festivals, concerts and movies as a group," he said.

Here, everyone is either on dates or hitting the bars, he said. Mylandia said he doesn't much care for the bar scene and dating is virtually out of the question. "In India, we don't date, we have arranged marriages," he said.

Once married, in India you don't get a second chance. "The society doesn't allow marriages to just break up," he said.

Divorces almost never occur. "Friends of the family work hard to encourage couples to patch it up," he said.

Sometimes it takes months or even years for couples to work out their differences, but Mylandia said they usually do.

Another big adjustment for the student from India has been understanding the American's use of language.

"There are so many formalities here,"

Raj said, "you don't mean what you say."

If you tell an Indian, "I'll see you later," he will expect to see you later, Mylandia said.

"In India we don't say it if we aren't going to do it. Here it's just courtesy," he said.

"I was prepared for it, though," Mylandia said. He said he worked in the Foreign Exchange department in the bank in India and saw most of the English movies.

Mylandia said he also learned a lot about

"I feel I have learned more in the two years I've been here than I could have learned in India."

Americans and their customs at the United States Information Service in India.

"Before you come here, you have the option to watch films about what to do and what not to do," he said.

Mylandia said his goal is to eventually start his own business in international trade. After graduating this December, he plans to travel for the next six to 10 years visiting different countries before returning home to India.

"I want to make as many international contacts as I can to help my business," Raj said.

THE MIDDLE EAST

Arab States: The Palestine question

By **RICHARD L. CUMMINGS**
Senior Reporter

ZuZu, a self-proclaimed Palestinian born in Lebanon, has applied for political asylum in the United States. His brothers and sisters are scattered about the globe, two are naturalized citizens living in Omaha. He and his family have lived in refugee camps.

"The biggest problem for us (Arabs) is the media," he said. ZuZu did not wish his full name to be used.

Hatem Eleiasti, a UNO student from Egypt, gave an example.

"Whenever a U.S. or Israeli citizen gets hurt or killed it is all over (the media)," he said. "In 1982 an Arab city was bombed and 10,000 Arab people were killed and the media said nothing."

While still emotionally attached to his homeland, ZuZu said being in a war zone is unsettling. He would rather return to his home but has little faith in the Middle Eastern governments.

"They (the governments) say they are for the Arab people, but it's not true," he said. He cited examples of anti-government protest being squashed with military force.

"We are controlled by the army," he said. Eleiasti elaborated on this feeling.

"Our people don't expect much from the governments of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt," he said. The governments are manipulated by the U.S. or U.S.S.R. governments, he said. Backing by the U.S. equals alignment with the goals of Israel he said.

"With the U.S. backing Israel the (Middle East) situation will never be solved," he said. "If you want peace, give the (Palestinian) people a home and leave them alone."

"The U.S. gives your tax dollars to my country for aid, but instead of the U.S. building factories you send us potato chips," he said.

"You don't build a strong economy with potato chips. We have to control ourselves." Aid should help the receiving nation not promote economic reliance, he said.

Another Arab student, who wished not to be named, said he was from Bethlehem. He said his uncle had been threatened by U.S. governmental officials into stopping his peaceful political activities while attending a university

in the U.S.

"This is your free country," he said. Freedom of speech on the Middle East situation appears to be limited to pro-Israeli views, he said.

The student from Bethlehem said the creation of a Palestinian homeland with the return of the West Bank and Gaza Strip would relieve some of the conflict.

Eleiasti said he disagreed.

"Some Arabs would want their homes in Israel back and some Israelis would want their homes in the West Bank back," he said. The situation would quickly return to struggle, he said.

"Zionists believe the Palestine map includes the area between the Nile River and Euphrates River in Iraq," the student from Bethlehem said. If their goals were met the Arab Palestinians would be totally displaced.

"American foreign policy is controlled by the Jewish community," Eleiasti said. He said it is not fair for such a minority to dictate its wishes on the U.S. and other countries half way around the world.

"What the Palestinian movement is fighting for is the same as the 'Freedom Fighters' the U.S. backs in Central America," ZuZu said. The fight in both situations, he said, is for the right to govern their own land, to have a say in their own government.

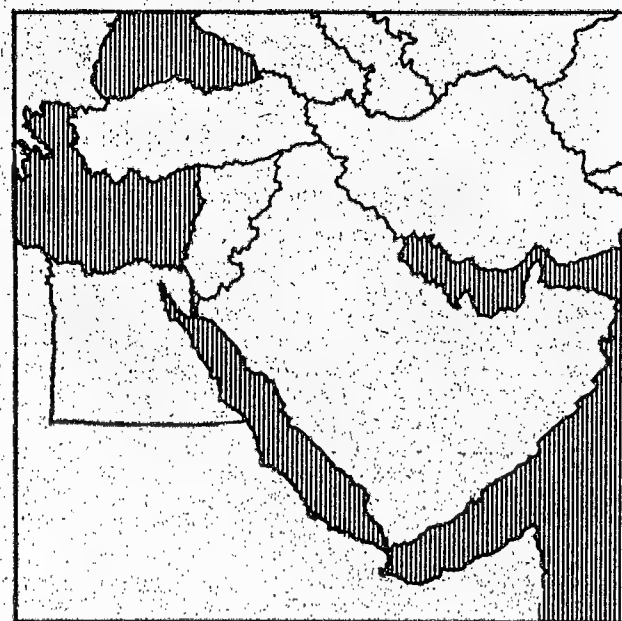
Arab students at UNO do have an organization, the Palestinian Student Association, which is registered with the International Student Center. The aim of the association, Eleiasti said, is to educate the public of what Arab Palestine is and what its needs are.

"Everything starts small. We have to let people know what is happening in the Middle East," he said.

"Religion in Palestine causes no problems," the student from Bethlehem said. All three students said the problem lies with the governments of the Middle Eastern nations, not the people.

"I'm Christian, he is Moslem, that is not the problem," he said. The people of Middle Eastern nations need the right to self rule without the intervention of Israel, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., he said.

"We don't hate Jews. We dislike the Israeli government. We like the U.S.," Eleiasti said. The problem, he said, lies in the denial of rights and freedoms.



Egypt: more than 'camels and pyramids'

Hesham Elrefale, a UNO graduate student from Egypt, has found that the area in which he comes is mostly associated with "camels, tents and men with swords."

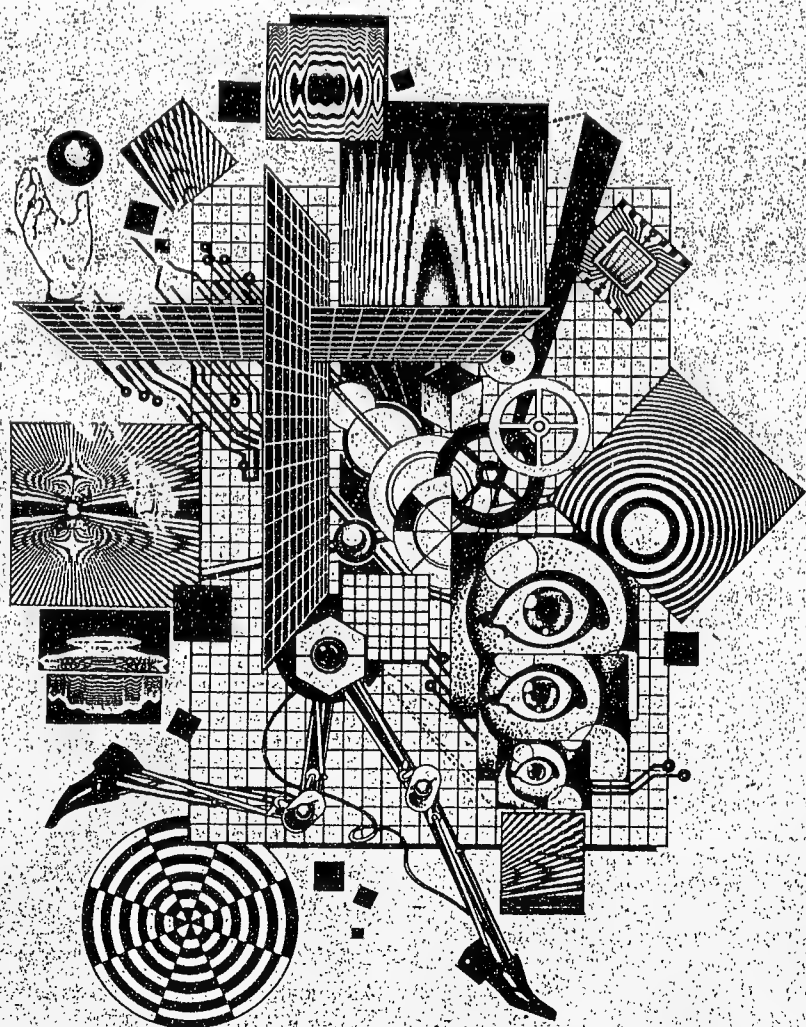
"Most people in the United States associate Egypt with camels and the pyramids," Elrefale said.

"The only time I ever saw a camel in Egypt was near the pyramids," he said. "There were tourists there, so I think it was brought out for them. Even when I saw it, I had to ask my father what that animal was," he said.

Elrefale, who came to the United States in 1981, said he first ran across this problem when he was a freshman at UNO.

"I was in this class, and at the end of finals, we all

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AFRICA

Nigeria: U.S. one big classroom

By TIM KALDAHL
News Editor

America has been a giant classroom for Michael Egonu, 30, a senior political science major at UNO. He likes us, and he says we like him.

"I was interested in knowing more about the political system of the United States," Egonu said. He came to Omaha in 1984 from Port Harcourt, Nigeria. His younger brother, Innocent, was then a pre-med student at UNO. "I'm always being inspired."

Nigeria's government is under the control of the military. The civilian democracy fell apart in 1979.

"It failed because of the incompetent hands," Egonu said. A new civilian election is scheduled for 1992.

"I've always loved to meet the American people," he said. Egonu is now a resident of the United States, but went back to Nigeria last March. He said he's not sure when he'll go back to Nigeria for good, but he does want to return.

"I could become an American citizen," he said. "But if all of us became citizens, the American interest wouldn't be heard there (Nigeria)."

"The wants of the Western world are shared there," Egonu said. One of those wants is getting back a democracy.

"The military presence in government is what I hate," he said. Going into politics is not what he wanted to do, he said, but now he is thinking about it as a career. He studied government when he was in secondary school in Nigeria and said he wants to attend law school.

He said it surprises some Americans that Nigerians aren't out in the bush, he said.

"Do I look like I live in a tree?" Egonu asked. Americans are not familiar with the history or even the location of his country, he said. He learned American geography, history and English in school.

"Most people don't know much outside the country," Egonu said about Americans. "They forget that Africa is made up of countries. They tend to lump us together."

If fellowships for students sent Americans to Africa instead of almost exclusively to Europe, it would help things,

Teleconference links hunger problem

By KIM HANLEY
Staff Reporter

A World Food Day Teleconference was held across the country Oct. 17 to discuss problems and solutions to the hunger situation that is plaguing the African nations.

The UNO Global Education Center and Bread for the

World sponsored the satellite connection for the Omaha area from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Dodge Room of the Student Center.

The teleconference panelists included four experts dealing with the African famine crisis, Adebayo Adedeji, executive secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa; Duane Acker, assistant to the administrator for USAID; Mazide N'Diaye, president of the Forum of African Voluntary Development Organization; and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Washington representative of the Equator Bank.

"Hunger is chronic in Africa, we can expect recurring episodes of famine," said moderator Renee Poussaint. "While our attention is drawn to famine relief, we need to see beyond the emergency to its cause." Poussaint is a journalist for WJLA TV News, the ABC affiliate in Washington, D.C.

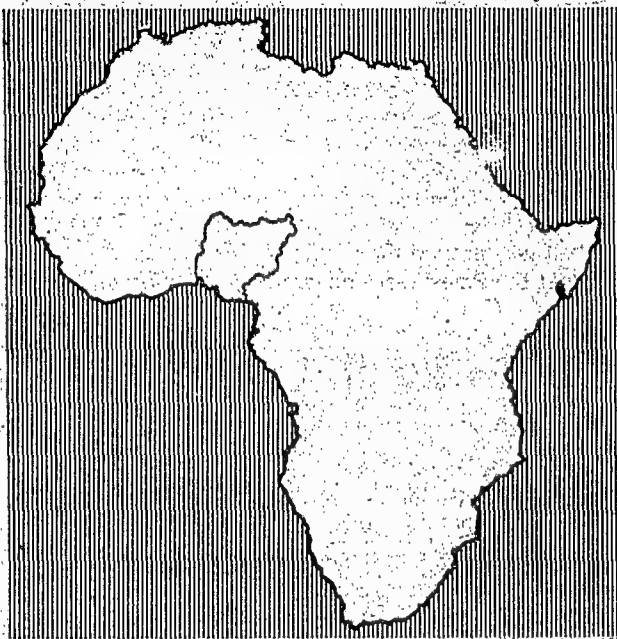
Experts on the televised panel agree there are several problems that contribute to the famine problem in Africa.

The arid climate makes farming difficult without proper irrigation systems. Therefore, only 20 percent of the land is being used to grow food. Of that land, little or no nutrients have been replaced through fertilization.

"At the time of the African rainy season, the peasants cannot do the work because they are not fed well," N'Diaye said, commenting that part of the problem is the famine itself.

N'Diaye also said the government decides what part of the country produces what. "If you are to grow

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he said. Americans are liked.

"If you go there and you have a problem and my mother sees you, she will help," Egonu said. "That's how we are. She loves Americans."

"They see American people as people who work," Egonu said. Nigerians perceive Americans as all educated (something Egonu found to be false) and America as a country radically different from theirs, he said.

"They see the United States in a different world alto-

gether," Egonu said. Nigeria is a country made up like any other with industry, the poor, the rich.

"The rich are getting richer," he said. "The poor are getting poorer."

Life in Omaha has been an adjustment from Port Harcourt, he said.

"You've never seen snow before and you see ice on the ground," Egonu said. There have been benefits, too.

"The ladies love my accent," he said.

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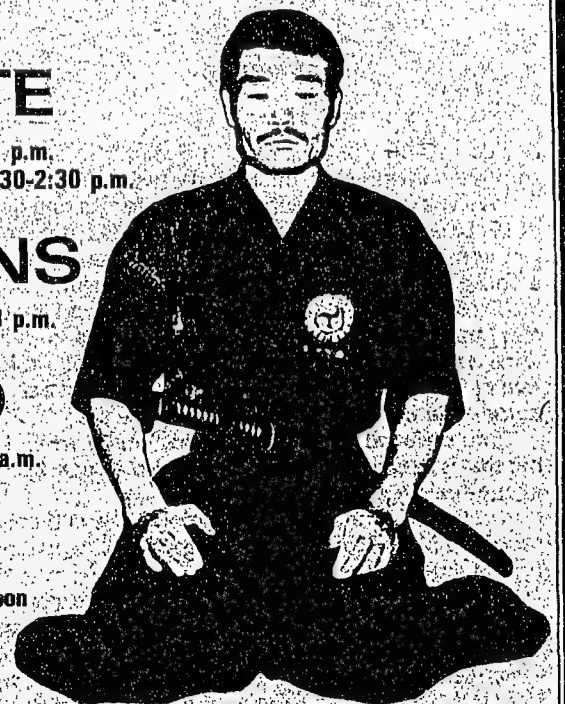
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THE AMERICAS

Football brings student north of the border

By BOB MARTINEZ
Contributing Writer

Abel Fernandez is a true Maverick both on and off the football field. A foreign exchange student from Poza Rica, Mexico, Fernandez credits his outlook in life to the football scholarship he received from UNO.

"I can honestly say that football is the main reason why I decided to go to college and stay in the United States," Fernandez said.

For the 19-year-old sophomore, change has been a constant part of his life ever since he decided to attend UNO.

"Before UNO recruited me from Raytown High School in Missouri, I had planned to only be in the U.S. for one year, but after considering UNO's offer, I decided to give college a try," Fernandez said.

College seemed very intimidating to the young exchange student who spoke very little English when he first came to this country.

Making a move to Omaha meant that Fernandez had to leave his family for the second time. The first time occurred when he left Mexico to move to Missouri, the sec-

ond time occurred when he had to leave his host family, the Davidson's, to come to Omaha.

"I have two families, and I keep in close contact with both of them," Fernandez said. "My host family comes to all my home football games, and it's very comforting to have family in the stands."

He said accepting a football scholarship to UNO also drew a lot of media attention. Stories about his recruitment have been published in newspapers in Mexico City, Raytown, Mo. and Omaha. According to Fernandez, the reason he receives so much attention is because he is an exchange student from Mexico who was recruited as a running back and not a kicker.

"A lot of people think that soccer is the only sport that we play in Mexico, but football is just as popular," he said.

When asked how he feels about the media attention he's getting, Fernandez said it is becoming a common aspect of his life, but when it's gone, he's sure that he will want it back.

Kirk Coleman, one of Fernandez's teammates and roommates, said Fernandez is very deserving of the attention he's getting.

"Abel is a very interesting person who doesn't seem like an exchange student," Coleman said.

"When I first met him, I expected to see someone who looked different and talked funny, but Abel is just like any other teenager I know."

As far as his future plans, Fernandez has decided to stay in the U.S. after graduating from college.

"I could go back to Mexico with a degree in computer science and an understanding of English, and get a pretty good job, but I prefer the American economy to Mexico's economy," Fernandez said.



Chile: Experiences help build nation

By STEVE CHASE
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Nancy Rojo, a student from Chile, intends to take her skills that she learned in the United States back to her country for the good of both nations.

As a computer operator for a copper mining operation owned by the U.S.-owned Exxon Corp., Rojo said she hopes to gain a knowledge of English through UNO's Intensive Language Program.

But she said her stay here may only last until January. Rojo told about a discussion she had with students in a Spanish class at Mercy High School.

"I was asked by some students at Mercy if I was going to live here the rest of my life," Rojo said. "I told them 'no' because my country needs well-prepared people."

"Chile is an undeveloped country," she said. "We have so much to do. We have a lot of poor people who need people who can help them. Here (in the United States), everything is done, you are a developed country," she said. "My country needs me."

Along with a concern for the poor, Rojo said she was also worried about the present situation in her country.

On Oct. 6, Chilean president and military strong man Gen. Augusto Pinochet was denied an eight-year term by a popular decision. Pinochet took power after the assassination of Marxist leader Salvador Allende in 1973.

"I called home a week ago because I was worried about my family," she said. "But they told me it was all quiet."

"I am not very happy with what's going on," Rojo said. "I like this (the Pinochet) government because they have created a good economy."

According to Rojo, the elections that are to take place in 15 months may bring some trouble to this South American nation.

"We are not well prepared for this," she said. "We have gone 15 years without any political changes."

"I hope that Communism doesn't happen again to the country," she said. "Allende was a disaster. In the four years he was in power, the country fell to pieces."

One of the reasons the student gave for the switch in vote was that Pinochet had stayed in power too long. She also blamed some of the problems on leftists exiled by Pinochet in the 1970s (such as Allende's widow) who are now stirring unrest in Chile.

Rojo said that besides improving her English, she is gaining some knowledge about American culture. She said because the company is from the United States, she has met many people from North America.

"We're not really different," Rojo said. "We're all Americans. I don't feel being here that I'm really in a different country."

The student did point out some minor differences, however. She said she was impressed with the amount of technology available. Another was in college education.

She said because there is a very limited number of universities in Chile and a large amount of people who want to attend, colleges require rigorous entry exams.

Along with the exams, Rojo said students who test into a certain subject will only be instructed in that field. The Chilean said after one year of nursing school and four years of studying to be a teacher, a liberal arts education was a pleasant change.

"I like this system because if you're not clear about school, you can try something else," she said.

Martinique hosts UNO ambassador

By LORI SAFRANEK
Staff Reporter

UNO student Terri Wright spent a month this summer on the Caribbean island of Martinique, practicing her French and serving as ambassador to this small nation.

The ambassadorship was through UNO's Experiment in International Living's Summer Abroad program, an international education program. Wright explained how it worked.

"A new student and a new country is chosen each year," she said. "My duty now, since I didn't really have to do anything down there except take pictures and go on tours, is to give slide presentations and help promote the program."

"Martinique is what is called a department of France, which is similar to our concept of state," Wright said.

Wright traveled with a group of six young women, led by a representative from The Experiment in International Living. The women each lived with a resident family on the island for the entire month.

"One girl got into a house where they had a clay floor, no hot water and lots of mosquitoes," Wright said. "Another girl had her own room and TV."

Wright lived with the DeSanti family. The DeSantis spoke very little English, so Wright spoke French most of the time. She has studied French for about eight years.

Mr. DeSanti is a restaurant owner and Mrs. DeSanti works for a branch of the government of Martinique.

"Their apartment was very similar to an American apartment," she said. "I had come in expecting something pretty primitive, but it was actually not that different."

Wright visited factories and schools with her group, but said her day-to-day contact with the people of Martinique was the best part of her trip.

"For the most part, they idolized Americans. The majority of the response I saw was positive," Wright said. "The population is 95 percent black, so we stuck out like a sore thumb, but in a very positive way."

"We experienced prejudice, but in the opposite way, because they admire the Americans so much."

"In other words, time was not necessarily a factor for them. If you said 8 o'clock, you might make it by 9 o'clock, no big deal," Wright said. "It's just a 'don't worry, be happy' attitude."

Wright said the experience brought her a greater understanding of other cultures, as well as greatly improving her French and increasing her self-confidence.

"When Hurricane Gilbert was in the news, I was really worried about my friends," Wright said. "I think if Americans travelled to Russia, for example, and made friends, they would be a lot more concerned about what's going on there."

Wright will be conducting slide shows early next semester to provide information about being an ambassador and about Martinique. Announcements will be made when definite dates are established.

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decided to go out for pizza," he said. "I volunteered to drive some people over to the restaurant."

"We were sitting around talking, and this one girl out of the blue said, 'Hey, Shem, you're really a good driver just coming from Egypt. How did you learn to drive in a country with so many camels?'" he said.

"I told her that I had been driving since I was 12, and I had to go to school for a month to learn how to drive a camel," he said jokingly. "Then I then told her that in Egypt, you have to get a licence to drive a camel before you can get a licence to drive a car."

"She believed all of it," he said, "even when I told her that it's really crowded at the Cairo Airport because all the taxis are camels."

In actuality, Elrefaie said his nation is the cultural center of the Middle East. Egypt's capital, Cairo, is the hub of this activity.

"Most movies, literature, art and culture come out of Cairo," he said. "Anyone who wants to be famous in the Arab world has to make it in Cairo," he said.

He discussed some of the works of Egyptian writer Naguib Mahfouz, who recently won the 1988 Nobel Prize for literature.

"I've read many of his books before," Elrefaie said. "His works express Arab culture well, but are written to appeal to any culture."

Because Egypt is a social democracy, the graduate student said its constitution provides for every citizen to have a free education and a job.

"But it doesn't always work that way," Elrefaie said. "There aren't enough good jobs to go around."

"They (the government) must employ all college graduates, whether it's in the student's major or not,"

he said.

He said one of the main difficulties with college education was passing admittance exams to get into a university.

"In the high school (senior level, both public and private) everyone takes the test at the same time throughout the country," he said. "These exams last 11 days."

He said those who are able to pass the test and enter college follow a curriculum that is set by the government in all fields.

Although he's been here for more than seven years, he said he's still not surprised at some of the questions he is asked.

"I was talking about the apartment building where I lived in Alexandria (a city near the Mediterranean Sea) to this American guy, and all of a sudden he asked me if we had bathrooms in Egypt," he said.

"This is a modern, 12-story apartment that I lived in, right near the beach," Elrefaie said.

"So I told him, 'you know, that's a really interesting question,'" he said jokingly. "Every day, all 800 people in my building would all get in the elevators, go down to the beach with their towels and soap and use the ocean."

"He believed it too," Elrefaie said.

With jokes aside, he said that it is a bit of a disappointment that students forget their history when dealing with some cultures.

"People think of Egyptians as living in tents but forget about the history," he said citing that Alexandria was built by Alexander the Great and the Egyptian culture dates as one of the oldest civilizations on the Earth.

NEWS BRIEFS

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A public auction of UNO's surplus property will be held Friday, Oct. 21 at the warehouse at 3805 N. 16th St. Viewing will begin at 9 a.m. and the auction will follow at 11 a.m.

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Career day

The Eight Annual "From the Academic to the Corporate World Day," will be held at UNO Oct. 26.

The program introduces UNO students to representatives from area businesses and organizations. On hand will be speakers from Mutual of Omaha, IBM, U.S. West, First Data Resources, Union Pacific and Commercial Federal.

The speakers will meet informally with students and faculty from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the MBSC Dining Room A. All students and faculty are welcome for the informal session. The program is sponsored by UNO's Career Placement Services, U.S. West and Mutual of Omaha.

For the birds

Paul Johnsgaard, professor of biological sciences at UNO, will be the keynote speaker at the Oct. 20 meeting of the Sierra Club. He will discuss the birds of the Platte River and the significance of change on their present ecosystem. The free meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the W. Dale Clark Library.

German film

"Die Grenze" a German film with English subtitles, will be presented Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., in ASH Rm. 101. The 1972 film, a political satire based on occurrences between East and West Germany, is sponsored by Theta Beta Chapter of Delta Phi Alpha, the National German Honor Society.

Pressure

Goodwill is offering free blood pressure testing and diabetic screening to the public Wednesday, Nov. 2, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Goodwill Center, 41st and Pacific. For more information, call 341-4609.

Chemistry Mole

UNO's chemistry department will hold an open house for high school chemistry students Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. until noon on the third floor of UNO's Durham Science Center. The event, entitled "Mole Day" (a Mole is a number frequently used in chemistry calculations) will involve 25 high school in Omaha, Council Bluffs, Ralston, Papillion, Millard and Fremont.

Candidate's forum

UNO's Epsilon Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, will sponsor "Decision '88, State Legislative Candidate Forum," Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. at the MBSC.

Candidates for state legislature who have agreed to at-

tend include Mel Cash, John Lindsay, Frances Mendenhall, Dan Lynch, Tim Hall and Wayne Miller. For more information, contact Karen Tidwell, 333-6292.

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The University of Nebraska Medical Center is looking for children between the ages of six and 12 year who suffer from migraine headaches to take part in a research study.

The study is part of a program evaluating non-drug treatments for children with migraines. Study participants will be asked to keep weekly logs of their headaches. For more information, contact Dr. Keith Allen, 559-6408.

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coffee, but you want to grow rice, you must move your family to a location where you can grow rice."

According to Adedeji, Africa uses 40 to 50 percent of their reported earnings to service the national debt. Most of these loans were used to bring improper or useless equipment to the region.

The panelists agreed that government policies should be changed, the right technology and organized research must be funneled through the universities and the African nation needs some sort of debt relief.

UNO's panelists included moderator George Garrison, chairperson and professor of black studies; Daniel Boamah-Wiafe, professor of black studies; Robert Schrigley, Creighton student and Peace Corps returnee; and A-Jamal Rashed Byndon, returnee from the Peace Corps.

Byndon said the men of Africa seek other means of employment because of the inadequate income associated with farming. He felt strongly about the basic human right to food, clothing and shelter.

Boamah-Wiafe said the problems cannot be fixed without an accurate diagnosis. He said Africa must resolve its civil power struggles and take a look at the economy, with less emphasis on the cash crop and more towards feeding the people.

Child Care earns 1st NAEYC award in state

The National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) handed UNO's Child Care Center an honor that no similar agency has earned yet in the state.

Joyce Kinney, the Center's director, received word Oct. 17, that Child Care earned accreditation from the NAEYC. The center was the first in Nebraska to be accredited.

"It's a program that's fairly new," Kinney said. The NAEYC began the program in 1985. A variety of criteria involving how the center is run had to be met and a self-evaluation had to be done, she said. "It's really a neat process."

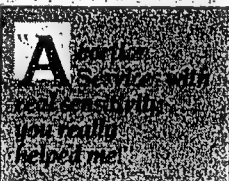
One aspect of the center Kinney said she is particularly proud of is the relationship between the 16 staff members and the 102 children enrolled. Children from birth to eight years old are accepted. The center is near capacity between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays, she said. Child Care is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

A certificate of award will be sent to the center. The honor is just part of an ongoing process, she said. "I don't ever want to be in a program that's complacent," Kinney said. "We're always trying to add new ideas all the time."

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UNMC picked for Parkinson's

By JULIE CONDON
Staff Reporter

Dealing with Parkinson's disease can be traumatic not only for the people suffering, but also for their families and friends.

The American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA) recently chose the University of Nebraska Medical Center to be a regional information and referral center.

The main purpose of the center will be to educate patients and their families about the disease and assist them in dealing with it. Pamphlets, information about support groups and facts about Parkinson's disease will be available for free. The Medical Center will also set up a hot line which people can call for updated information. The center will be one of 33 across the nation, and the only one located in Nebraska.

"It is vital that Parkinson patients take responsibility for educating themselves about current research, medicines and treatments. Our regional centers provide an excellent forum to discuss the pros and cons of the latest treatments with experts on the disease," Frank Williams, executive director of APDA, said.

About 1.5 million people suffer from Parkinson's disease, which is a neurological disorder. The progression of the disease cannot be stopped or slowed, and eventually destroys a person's motor skills. Mild shaking of the hands or feet and soft-

ness of speech are some early symptoms of the disease.

The information center at the Medical Center will be headed by Dr. Ronald Pfeiffer, an associate professor of internal medicine. Pfeiffer has been with the Medical Center for eight years and is confident the program will be successful. He said one of the major goals of the center will be to get people involved in support groups.

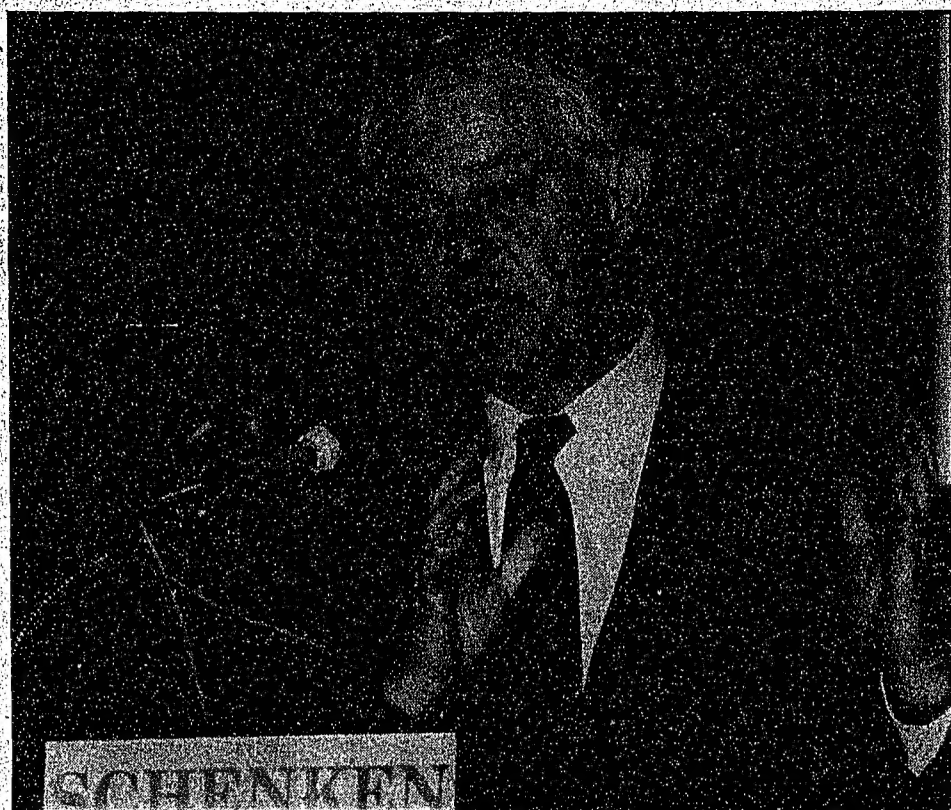
"We'll have a coordinator who will actively go out and contact people in support groups," he said.

Support groups are already in existence in various Nebraskan cities, including Hastings, Grand Island, Lincoln and Omaha. The area served by the Parkinson's information center will include Nebraska and parts of Iowa, South Dakota and Kansas. Williams said the center will "work to expand the current network of Parkinson's support groups in Nebraska and try to hold at least one major symposium annually."

Pfeiffer stressed the information and referral center does not treat patients suffering from the disease.

"The intent is geared more at simply providing information," he said. Treatment and research are carried out in a separate section of the Medical Center.

A \$25,000 grant from APDA made the information center possible. The grant will be renewed each year, as long as the Medical Center is treating Parkinson patients.



— Dave Weaver

Candidate makes UNO stop

Republican congressional candidate Jerry Schenken made an appearance at the Student Center Ballroom. Pi Gamma Mu sponsored the appearance and gave Schenken, who is running against Democrat Peter Hoagland, an opportunity to field questions.

Culture, mayor highlight "Fiesta Hispanica"

By TIM KALDAHL
News Editor

Mayor Walt Calinger stressed the importance of understanding between people when he spoke briefly at the Fiesta Hispanica Oct. 12 in the Ballroom of the Student Center.

"It's important that people understand one another's cultures," Calinger said. The all-day event was the first activity of the year for UNO's Hispanic Student Organization (HSO). Music, art, food and other culture displays were also drawing points.

Calinger said his South Omaha background, where many Hispanics live, has added to his knowledge. Hispanics make up about three percent of Omaha's population. The Mayor also mentioned a recent trip to Chile where he said

he learned a great deal. Not knowing Spanish, the language of the country made him more keenly aware.

"You have to use your power of observation," he said.

"Our strength is in our diversity," Calinger said. The Mayor's office would be willing to help the organization with future projects, he said. The Hispanic community's family and work ethic are models for everyone, he said.

"It's important to get the message of the culture out," he said after he spoke. Calinger also noted the voter registration booth set up.

"I think it's important to support that."

Virgil Armendariz Jr., HSO's president, said the Fiesta is also a recruiting tool to attract more members. Currently there are 30 people involved with the group.

"We're trying to establish a network from the campus to the business community," he said. The organization

should act as a conduit of information for Hispanics on campus.

Toni Hernandez, a former UNO student now working at the Chicano Awareness Center, helped with the displays. She said the Fiesta was important for different people for different reasons.

"I met this girl from West Omaha and she thought I had a tan," she said. Making people aware outside of the Hispanic community of the contributions of Spanish speaking people helps everyone, she said. "Even our own people aren't aware of our history."

The voter registration booth would probably be most important for the Hispanics, she said. She translated the Spanish phrase on the registration box to summarize how she feels.

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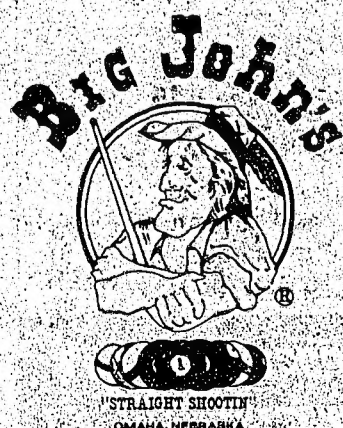
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SPORTS

Lopers shy away from Maverick power

By DAVID JAHR
Sports Editor

UNO volleyball Coach Karen Uhler called the Tuesday night home appearance against Kearney State "one of the best matches we've played," as the Lady Mavs overpowered the Lady Lopers.

The Lady Mavs' front line dug, served and spiked, helping UNO to a 15-3, 15-3, 13-15, 15-11 victory, upping their season record to 11-8. Amy Gradoville, Brenda Baumann and Ruth Evans, all hitters, combined for 23 digs and 41 kills.

Uhler said Baumann, a sophomore from York, Neb., played well. Baumann was good on 15 kills making her power present often.

"I think there were some highlights unsurpassed in this gym tonight," Uhler said about the match, which Evans set a school and team record for service aces in a match with 12.

Setter and floor leader Pam Largen led the team with 50 assists.

Kearney State, from the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association, fell behind early in the match. UNO kept the momentum going in the second game with four straight game starting service aces by Evans.

Uhler said the Lady Lopers had a slow start because they were not used to the pace of the Division II Lady Mavs. However, in the third game Kearney State topped UNO in the closest game of the match.

This Friday and Saturday, the Lady Mavs participate in the Central Missouri Invitational. On Oct. 28-29 UNO hosts the 1988 Nebraska-Omaha Classic. Central Missouri, Minnesota-Duluth, North Dakota State and Portland State have been invited to play in this event.



The Lady Mavs huddle around Coach Karen Uhler in a timeout during a victory against Kearney State at the Fieldhouse Tuesday night.

After dropping third straight UNO hoping home is sweet

By TERRY O'CONNOR
Staff Reporter

The free-falling UNO Mavericks hope to land on their feet with an upset win this Saturday at home against North Dakota.

The bottom has dropped out of the UNO football season with three straight North Central Conference football losses: UNO is 4-3 overall, 2-3 in the NCC.

The game against the 5-2 Fighting Sioux begins at 1:30 p.m. on Caniglia Field in the Mavs' second-to-last home game.

"We've made improvements in the offense, but the defense has struggled against good passing teams," UNO Coach Sandy Buda said. "We're having trouble covering people."

The Mavs took seven defensive backs on the road against Augustana last week and lost three on the way to a 24-19 defeat.

Orville Townsend failed to last through pregame warm-ups while suffering from a stomach virus. All-NCC safety Eric Robinson was knocked out with a bruised thigh and Dennis Duncan sustained a knee injury.

Augustana exploited the Mavs' wounded secondary for 283 yards passing, but Buda said a good ballclub battles back when faced with such adversity.

"That's the league we're in," he said. "You have to play everyone tough, and you know they'll play you tough."

The Mavs now face three consecutive ranked teams in their bid to duplicate last season's turnaround. UNO reeled off five straight wins to close the 1987 season with a 7-4 mark.

North Dakota, ranked No. 14 in Division II, will offer no letup in offensive firepower. The Sioux average 36 points a game, and are coming off a 52-40 victory over Northern Colorado. The Bears rose to No. 18 despite the loss.

UNO faces top-ranked North Dakota State in two weeks, and No. 16 St. Cloud State awaits in three weeks.

"We can play with those teams," Buda said. "But we have to have a complete game."

While the defense faltered against Augustana, the offense exploded.

The Mavs racked up 404 yards in total offense, including 196 yards passing from quarterback Todd Sadler in

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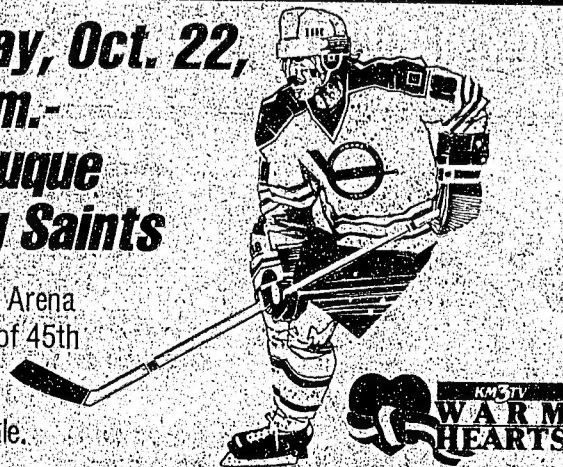
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"Ruuuuth" spikes her way to All-American status

By KRIS FREDENBURG
Staff Reporter

The ball sails through the air and connects with the fingertips of the setter. As the ball reaches its height climax, the attacker approaches with lightning-like speed, reaches toward the sky and comes in contact with the ball.

With a powerful swing, the ball is sent to the floor for the kill. Instantaneously, the fieldhouse echoes in a chant of "Ruth! Ruth!"

In her past few years at UNO, Ruth Evans has become a legacy of the volleyball court, becoming one of the strongest blockers and hitters UNO has seen.

A graduate of Holy Name, which she attended from the first through the 12th grade, Evans was recruited by Coaches Janice Kruger and Susie Homan.

"Janice and Susie were both going to UNO that year, so I got both the coaches I wanted," Evans said.

Evans was also recruited to play basketball for UNO, but a school policy disallowing athletes to be recruited for both sports denied Evans that option.

"I was not a key factor until my sophomore year," said Evans, "because I was red-shirted for part of my freshman year."

In her sophomore year, the volleyball player faced another setback. Evans suffered from stress fractures in both her lower legs.

A special set of leg braces was constructed to give her the extra support she needed, and she has been wearing them ever since.

"I'm pretty much healed now," she said.

Now in the midst of her senior season of college volleyball, team captain Evans is giving as strong a performance as ever.

"Ruth doesn't have a bad game, although some are better than others," said Coach Karen Uhler.

"She goes out of her way to make sure she plays her best. She's ideal in terms of production as a player, and she always gives 110 percent to the team. She's a gem to coach and is the rock of the team."

The 5-foot-11-inch middle blocker has become a threatening presence for the Lady Mavs this year. Not only is she one of the top blockers and hitters in Division II, but she has also had her share of service aces, according to Uhler.

"She has confidence in all areas of the game, she's

aggressive in both the front and back court and she's also responsible for making the chemistry on our own court work. Ruth has learned to play bigger than her own self."

"I'd just like to be known as a good all-round player as well as being tall enough to block," Evans said.

Her achievements may just prove that. During her college career, Evans has been named to a number of all-tournament teams, including the NCAA II Regional Team in 1986 and 1987, the All-North Central Conference Team in 1986 and 1987 and the CVCA All-North Central Region Team in 1987.

Ruth was also named a Russell and Tiger All-American in 1987.

This year, Evans was also named to the North Dakota Classic and Portland Showcase All-Tournament teams. These were important honors for Evans because the tournaments were two of the most competitive in Division II this year.

Although the season is more than half over, Evans still has big plans. She said she'd like to get first or second in the North Central Conference.

"That would mean having to beat two good teams: St. Cloud and Mankato," she said.

"My next goal is to make it to the Final Eight."

From the coaches' point of view, Evans has made the transition for the new coaching staff much easier.

"She has really adopted our ideas and adapted to our strategy," Uhler said.

Ruth has become a valuable asset to the team, yet she remains indifferent to the attention she receives. She gets along well with the team and is respected by the coaches as well as the players, according to Uhler.

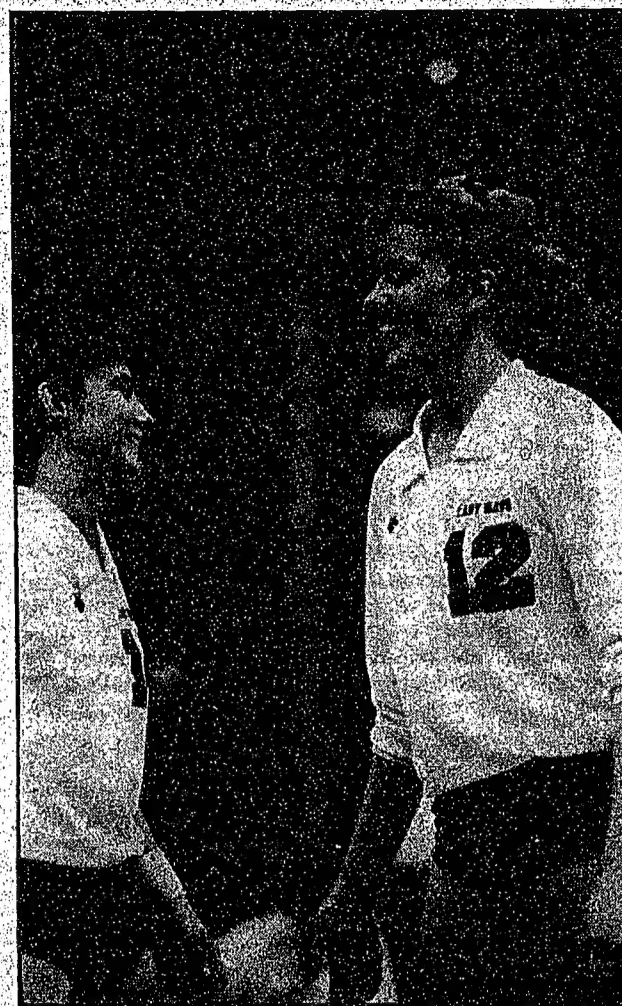
"Ruth does not wear two different masks. She's a happy, outgoing person on and off the court," said the coach.

Volleyball is not the only thing that takes up Evans' time. She is currently taking 15 credit hours and is majoring in therapeutic recreation.

For Evans, the future holds a netful of opportunities. Marriage, coaching high school or college volleyball and working in a hospital or clinical setting in correspondence to her major are all possibilities, she said.

But for now, she seems happy where she is. "It's nice to have the Omaha people to back you," she said.

... And as the ball crashes to the floor, the fieldhouse echoes the cry of "Ruth ... Ruth ..."



— Dave Weaver

All-American Ruth Evans, 12, takes a rare moment to rest against Kearney State. Evans had 12 service aces, breaking her previous record of 10.

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COLLEGE PICKS

... BY ERIC LINDWALL

Editor's note: Last week Lindwall hit on 77 percent of his predictions, including Notre Dame's 31-30 upset of No. 1 ranked Miami. His season average stands at 81 percent.

Who will win this year's Heisman trophy?

This is the question being asked around the country as the date for the New York downtown athletic club's ceremony draws near.

Many names are being mentioned, but when the award is presented in a little more than a month, I think UCLA's Troy Aikman will win by a landslide.

Here is a look at this week's college games:

PENN STATE at ALABAMA — At first glance these two ballclubs appear to be evenly matched. The one common opponent to both teams, Temple, lost to Penn State

by 36 points while Alabama beat the Owls by a 37-point margin.

Nevertheless, the Nittany Lion defense just isn't as powerful as in past years, and this will mean the difference tomorrow.

The Crimson Tide should be able to take advantage of Penn State's defensive weaknesses and come away with a victory in this nationally televised game. **ALABAMA 31-21**

BOSTON COLLEGE at WEST VIRGINIA — Lo and behold, the Mountaineers are undefeated and ranked No. 6 by the Associated Press.

Although it is argued that 6-0 West Virginia has a soft schedule, don't be fooled. This team is for real.

They've been talking about a national championship in Morgantown, W.V., and they're not just blowing smoke. If a few of the top ranked teams were to lose in the coming weeks, the Mountaineers would be in prime striking position. **WEST VIRGINIA 35-14.**

NORTH DAKOTA at UNO — Sandy Buda's Mavericks return home to entertain North Dakota at Al Caniglia field Saturday night.

The Mavs, in the midst of a disappointing three-game losing streak, will benefit from a strong show of support from UNO's student body.

This is your school's football team, so get out to the stadium tomorrow night and help cheer on the Mavs to a big win. **UNO 30-17**

Other games this week include: Notre Dame 42; Air Force 14; Oklahoma State 49; Missouri 21; Iowa 24; Purdue 21; Arkansas 27; Houston 24; Mississippi 20; Vanderbilt 17; Michigan State 28; Illinois 24; TCU 31; Baylor 28; Pittsburgh 38; Navy 13; Michigan 27; Indiana 17; Miami 63; Cincinnati 7; Oklahoma 41; Colorado 17; Texas A&M 35; Rice 10; Georgia 27; Kentucky 21; Clemson 33; North Carolina St. 14; Duke 24; Maryland 10; Wyoming 34; Utah 9; Iowa State 30; Kansas 7; and **NEBRASKA 70, Kansas State 14.**

UNO basketball teams begin practice

By MARK GREGORY
Staff Reporter

The UNO men's and women's basketball teams are ending their first week of fall practice in preparation for the 1988-89 season.

"Right now we're going through fundamentals and getting players used to the system," Coach Bob Hanson said. "Hopefully, we'll know a little more about ourselves by that first game."

Before Oct. 15, basketball teams are not allowed to practice in the gym with coaching supervision. But this NCAA stipulation does not include out-of-the-gym conditioning programs.

For Hanson's team, September was dedicated to a weight training program to increase strength on a three-day-a-week schedule. The other two days of the week were reserved for running. Hanson said distance running was concentrated on early and sprint work ended the out of the gym workouts.

"The main thing is to get their feet toughened up and to get used to running, so when they get tired they can recover," Hanson said.

From Oct. 15 until the season begins against Bellevue College at home Nov. 18, the men will practice in the gym six days a week. Hanson said they will continue the weight training program as needed throughout the season.

Hanson, in his 20th year as coach, enters the '88 campaign without last year's leading scorers Bryan Leach and

Tom Thompson, who graduated.

"Anytime you lose your top two scorers, that hurts," Hanson said. "It's too early to know how that will affect us, but we've got some younger guys who can play, too."

Seniors Tim Adamek and Bryan Muellner are the top two returning scorers on a team Hanson expects to be balanced.

"My teams always have been very well balanced, and that's what I see here," Hanson said. "We have the guys who are capable of having big nights, but the key is our balance."

The Lady Mavs will attack their opponents differently this year, according to Coach Cherri Mankenberg.

With the graduation of Division II All-American center Laura J. Anderson, Mankenberg said the Mavs will rely on more outside shooting instead of the inside power game, as in the past few years.

"Our outside game is going to be the best we've had in recent years," Mankenberg said.

"I think that's going to be our main strength for a change. We've always gone inside, inside, inside. We're going to be able to do that, but we're going to have more help from our perimeter people," Mankenberg said.

Expected to play key roles in '88 are seniors Jill Dau, Julie Johnston, Kathy Van Diepen and Rayna Wagley. Wagley missed 1987 after suffering a knee injury in the first game of the season. Dau was UNO's second leading scorer last year with 14.3 points a game.

The Lady Mavs open Nov. 23 at Northern Colorado.

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an unaccustomed relief role. But the junior from Mapleton, Iowa, also tossed three interceptions.

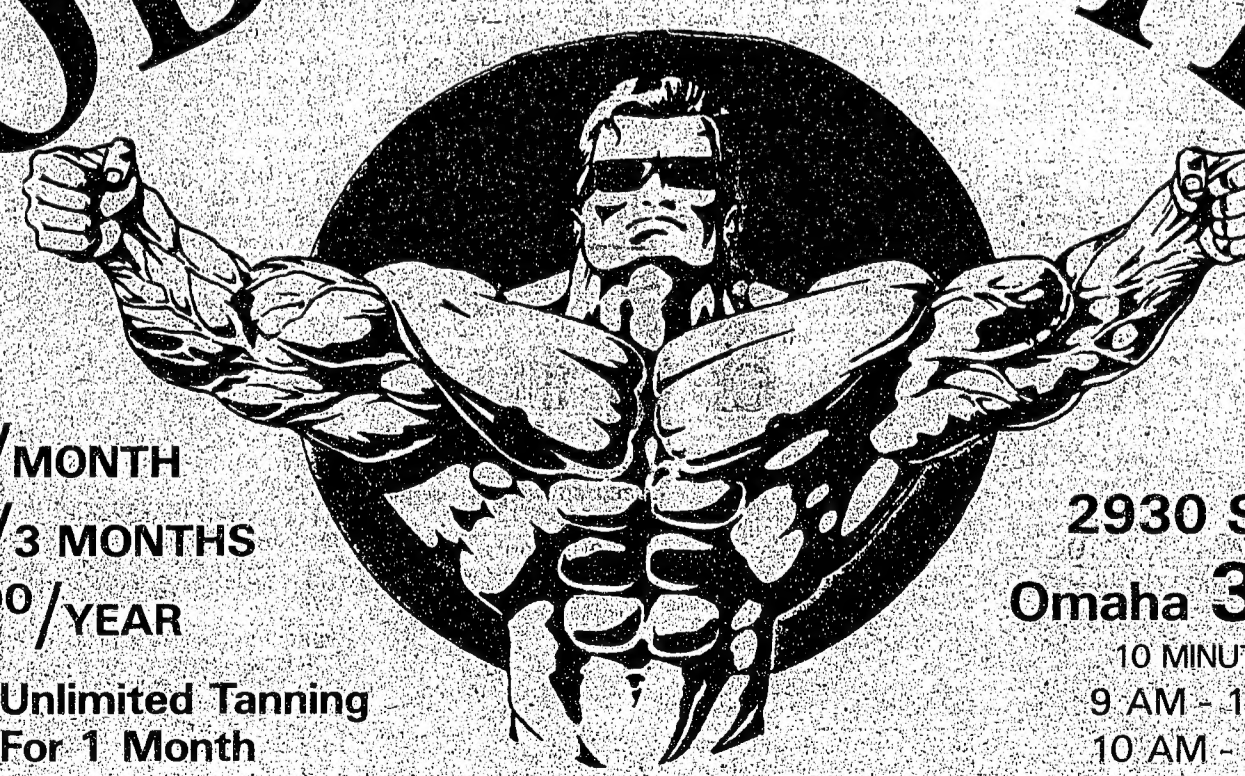
Bob Gordon grabbed nine passes for 132 yards to earn the UNO offensive player honors. Gordon leads the Mavs with 25 catches for 377 yards - a 15.1 average - and three touchdowns.

Ken Maxwell, a 6-foot-2, 253-pound senior from Grand Island Northwest, moved up to No. 7 on the Mavs' tackle charts by grabbing 13 and the defensive player of the game honors against the Vikings.

Duncan and Matt Morgan, a 6-4, 280-pound offensive tackle suffering from a hyperextended elbow and a thumb laceration, are expected to miss the North Dakota game.

Buda said Robinson should be able to play, and Sadler will probably return as starting quarterback in place of Paul Cech.

"I wish I knew how to turn this around and get both our offense and defense playing well at the same time," Buda said. "We could use a big turnout of students to help us against North Dakota."



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